



Reception Class Newsletter

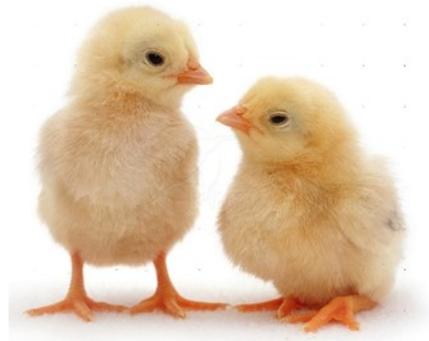
Spring Term 2: Mon 24 Feb - Fri 3 April



Dear Parents & Carers

We hope that you had a lovely break. We look forward to this half term and hopefully the warmer weather that is coming with it after lots of rain and snow!

Our topic this half term will be '**Does everything grow?**'. Our topic begins with our focus text 'The little red hen' where the children will have the opportunity to write instructions to make their own bread. As a hook for our new topic we will have a few exciting new class members as Reception will be taking care of eggs and preparing for them to hatch into chicks. The children will be able to have a hands-on experience of the incubation and hatching process; it is such an enjoyable experience watching the chicks hatch and playing a part in the first few days of their life. Once they are old enough, they will join last year's clutch at Miss Stockdale's family farm in the Yorkshire Dales. If you have any allergy concerns, please do not hesitate to let us know.



We will then look at how plants grow and the process of pollination. The children will have an opportunity to grow their own sunflower seed. The children will create their own diary all about the growth of their flower.

Leading on from this we will begin to look at the different mini beasts that help plants to grow and also those creepy crawlies that live in our garden. Reception will be inviting some more creatures into our classroom with the arrival of caterpillars. The children will be able to watch how a caterpillar changes into a butterfly in front of their eyes.



Our school trip will take place on the 27th of March where we will visit Thornton Hall Farm Country Park as an exciting way to end our topic. The children will experience feeding and handling animals during the day. We will send a letter out with more details shortly.

The final week of this half term will see us preparing for Easter, as we take part in Easter Week. Along with Easter cards and Easter songs, we look forward to learning about the Easter story and visiting St Luke's church for our Easter Service.

Reminders:

- **Books** are changed on a Wednesday or Thursday, **however please could the children have their books in their bag everyday**
- **Library day** is a Wednesday, each child will choose a book from the library to take home for the week
- **PE days have changed to a Tuesday and a Friday** for access to the hall. Tuesday sessions will take place outdoors. **If your child doesn't already have an outdoor PE kit (black joggers & sweatshirt without hood, plus trainers), please could you provide them with one.**
- **Parent drop in sessions** will be take place on Thursday 12th and Tuesday 24th March, 9:00 -9:30am



Thank you for your continued support, I look forward to catching up with you all at Parents' Evening.

Miss Goodison and the Reception team

