



Reception Newsletter Thursday 23 February 2023



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back. We hope everyone had a restful break.

The children have settled back into school routines very well this week and we are looking forward to the rest of the term. They had a lovely time watching a cooking demonstration and tasting pancakes, then writing their own recipes.

It is World Book Day next Friday. Children will dress up as a book character of their choice. There will be **no PE session** next Friday as we have planned a lot of activities related to Book Day.

During this Lent season we are making our **Lenten Prayer Book** that will be sent home with each child to keep overnight. Please take some time as a family to sit together and share a prayer to write in the book, then return it the next morning so it can go home with another child. We kindly ask you to make sure the book is treated with care and attention and returned safely to school.

Butterflies will have their class assembly on Friday 10th March. The children will be bringing words home next Friday so please ensure you practise them. Butterflies' parents are invited to attend the assembly which will be at 10am. The assembly will also be recorded and uploaded onto our Gsuite page for you to watch.

Learning for the week beginning Monday 27th February

- We continue working in different groups for our phonics lessons and this is what we shall be learning this coming week:
 - Mrs Clarke's group will be learning two new sounds: 'ir' whirl and twirl and 'ou' shout it out.
 - Mrs Damacus's group will be learning a new sound 'ow' blow the snow and revising previous special friends.
 - Ms White's group will continue learning the set 2 sounds.
 - Miss King's group will be revising some of the set 1 sounds, special friends and tricky words.
- Our topics for this half term are 'Growing plants' and 'Life cycles'.
- We will be learning about the life cycle of a plant first, starting with a seed.
- In maths we will continue to teach the concept of subtraction.
- In RE we will continue our 'Gathering' topic. As Lent started this Wednesday, we will reflect more on how to be kind to each other and we will focus on our Lenten promises.
- Our story of the week is 'Seed to Plant'.
- Our word of the week is 'growing'.

Best wishes,
Mrs Clarke and Mrs Damacus.