



## Reception – Spring 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely break and you are ready for the half term ahead. I always enjoy this half term because the weather is getting nicer and the nights are becoming lighter.

**Growing:** This half term our topic is Growing. We will be using different stories to support us with our learning. Our first book is Jack and the Beanstalk. We are also going to be doing some work around dinosaurs because the children requested it. I like to go along with their interests! We will also be looking at fruit and vegetables and visiting Lidl to buy our own fruit.

**Welly Wednesday:** Every Wednesday we are going outside to access our amazing grounds. We will use the woods to explore and undertake outdoor learning. Please send in boots in a bag every Wednesday. If you do not have boots we have spare ones in school.

**Curriculum:** We will continue to learn through play-based activities. Children are challenged by interactions with staff and the use of effective questioning. Children have access to a variety of resources, for example, sand, water, construction and role play to allow them to develop their imagination independently. We also utilise the outdoor area daily to enhance our learning - it is therefore important that your child has the appropriate clothing in school.

**Reading:** All children are now accessing the Little Wandle reading books. Thank you for looking after them so carefully. This is essential because each book forms part of a set. Please remember to return books daily. A new reading book will be given every Monday. Alongside this your child will have a reading for pleasure book which will be changed on a Tuesday. It is essential that it is in school on this day.

**PE-** We will be continuing with our PE lesson on a Monday. A full PE kit needs to be in school. Last half term we had a lot of uniform getting mixed up. Please label all clothing to avoid this happening. Please work on developing independence and encourage your child to get themselves dressed and undressed independently. If your child doesn't have their PE kit, we will be phoning to ask for it to be brought to school by lunch time.

**Milk and Fruit:** Milk and fruit is provided daily to all children. Once your child turns 5 they are no longer entitled to free milk. You do have the option to pay for it, therefore please ask me for details. You may also send in a drink – but please remember water only!

**School dinners:** Your child is entitled to a free school dinner. The menu has changed this half term and there are now more delicious choices on offer. Please have school dinners if possible - your child may surprise you by eating something new!

**Tapestry and Class Dojo:** I am still using Tapestry for my classroom observations but I am now using Class Dojo for regular communication with yourself. I have set everybody up but you need to access your e-mail to accept the invite. I post on this most days so if you haven't managed to use it, please speak to me and I will help. I also send photographs for you to see what your child is doing in school. It is a great way of keeping in touch!

Best wishes,

Mrs L. Johnstone (EYFS Teacher)