



# Reception Newsletter

## Spring Two



Dear Reception Parents

Welcome back after our half term holiday. We hope you've all had a restful break.

As usual, this half term there are lots of fun and exciting learning opportunities planned ahead for the Reception children. 'Spring life' is our new topic, focusing on some of the changes that happen throughout spring. As part of this learning, Reception are very proud to be caring and looking after some chicken eggs, which we will keep in an incubator in our classroom. The chicks will hatch after 21 days, when we will invite parents to come and visit our new born chicks.

### **Phonics / learning to read and write:**

The children continue to develop their reading and writing skills in our daily phonic lessons. In the phonic bags this week we will send home the 'Rocket' booklet, where you can track your child's reading skills. If any parents would like further information on how to support your child reading at home, please speak to your child's class teacher—we are always happy to discuss your child's progress.

### **Outdoor play and Forest School**

At the academy, we play and learn outside in most weathers. For young children's wellbeing and development, the outdoor environment is as equally valued and important as the indoor classroom. The outdoors is different to indoors and these differences are what make it special and important. Please ensure your child continues to wear suitable warm clothing and footwear, as the weather remains cold.

We thank you for your continued support throughout the year.

Kind regards

The Reception Team

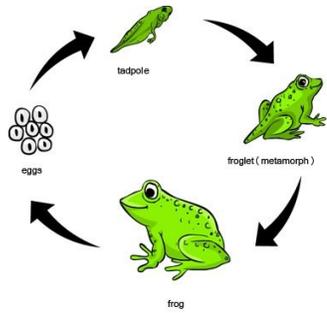


**For outdoor play please provide:** A big coat, hat and gloves everyday.

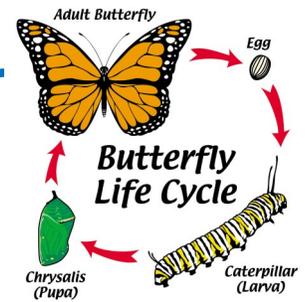
**For Forest School please provide:**

Thick warm clothes: thick warm socks, a big coat, a hat and gloves.

Many thanks



# Reception Topic letter



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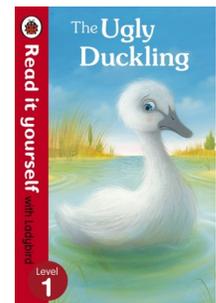
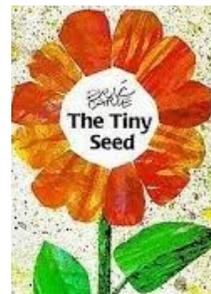
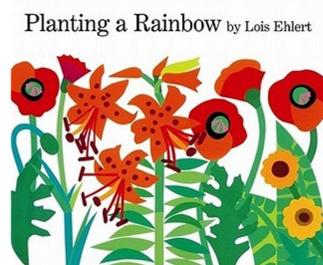
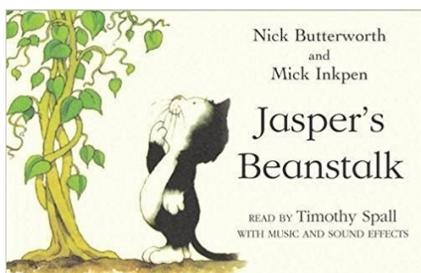
Our new topic 'Spring Life' has now begun. During this topic, we will learn about the changes that happen in spring. We will study the lifecycles of plants, caring for our own living bean plants as we learn how plants and flowers grow. We will explore the life cycle of animals such as eggs-to-chicks, tadpoles-to-frogs and caterpillars-to-butterflies. Also, we will compare and discuss changes to ourselves as we grow from babies to adults considering the question 'How and why have we changed and grown?'

Throughout this theme the children will explore the world around them through a variety of activities. They will be encouraged to experiment and be curious when taking part in simple investigations such as measuring our bean plants and our own heights - who is the tallest I wonder? We will sequence the order of different life cycles and we will collage and build different models. In art, we will explore colour to find out how to mix colour tones and shades, as we paint observational paintings of flowers.

We are incredibly lucky to have our very own Forest School, which is full of wildlife. We will observe and record the changes to nature in the pond and woodland. What changes will we find?

In literacy, we will continue to use story to excite and engage our love of talking, reading, writing and imagination. Our focus texts for this topic will be:

- Jasper's Beanstalk by Nick Butterworth and Mike Inkpen
- Planting a Rainbow by Lois Ehlert.
- The Tiny Seed by Eric Carle
- The Ugly Duckling by Ladybird



We will also learn about the traditions of Easter with an Easter Egg Hunt and a visit from a very special bunny rabbit.

Kind regards  
The Reception Team