



Reception Newsletter

THURSDAY 18 APRIL 2024



It has been wonderful to have the girls back at school for the first week of the Summer Term. There is so much to look forward to in this very busy, and exciting, term ahead and we are all looking forward to spending this special time with the girls.

Our Learning

This week we have:

- Welcomed our new girl, Aurelia and settled back into the rules and routines of the classroom.
- Recapped all the sounds we have already learnt, including the consolidation of digraphs.
- Learnt the new tricky words *said*, *so*, *have* and *like*.
- Continued to build and notice patterns with numbers beyond 10.
- Read the story and rewritten our own versions of The Very Hungry Caterpillar.
- Built a 'frog pond' in the water tray during our Adventure Afternoon.
- Enjoyed playing in the new Garden Centre role play area.
- Started to observe and enjoy the changes that Spring is bringing to the school grounds.
- Talked about Eid and discussed special family celebrations.

Next week we will:

- Continue to review Phase 2 digraphs and Phase 3 long vowel sounds.
- Learn the new tricky words *some*, *could*, *love* and *do*.
- Consolidate number bonds to 10 and build on verbal counting beyond 20 by noticing the counting patterns involved.
- Explore the different life cycles of frogs and butterflies.
- Introduce live caterpillars to our butterfly garden and start to observe the process of metamorphosis.
- Start to make our very own large hanging Hungry Caterpillar to replace our Chinese Dragon.

Our books of the week:

Non-fiction books about life cycles, including butterflies and frogs...



The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle

Suggested activities:

- Continue to read and share stories at home, exploring a range of different media.
- Continue to investigate how numbers to 10 can be made in different ways.
- Encourage children to count on and back from different starting points, to say what comes before or after a given number and to place numbers in order.
- Help with the gardening at home, maybe plant some seeds and learn about different gardening tools and what they are used for.

For Your Information

- This term we are getting the girls ready for their transition into Year 1 in September. We are encouraging them to be more independent at lunchtimes by making their own food choices and carrying their own tray, they have been brilliant this week!
- It would be great if any show and tell items could be linked to our Summer Topic 'How Does Your Garden Grow' and 'Life Cycles'.
- This term I would like to introduce a more defined role play area in our classroom. If you have any dressing-up costumes that you would be happy to donate, these would be very gratefully received. Thank you.











Please enjoy some photos from the last week of the Spring term, including our Easter Egg hunt. More photos from this week will follow in next week's newsletter.