

Seesaw 

We will continue to use Seesaw to post important messages and activities for the children to complete at home as homework. Please make sure you can access your child's Seesaw account. If you need any help please let us know.

Weduc - Leverton App 

We have a new app where you can keep up to date with dates, events and messages. It is called 'weduc' and can be downloaded onto your phone or accessed on a computer or laptop. You have been emailed with details about how to log in. If you have any questions please ring the school office.

Reading Eggs

Each child has a log in for 'Reading Eggs' that can be found in their Reading Record.

Reading Eggs is a website or an app that has hundreds of books and reading games that your child can access. Once the children have completed a short task they will be directed to books and games that are perfect for their level of reading.



Mathletics

Each child also has a log in for 'Mathletics' which can also be found in their Reading Record.

Mathletics is a website with lots of maths games so that your child can practise their maths skills at home. All the games link to the learning we have been doing at school and they are fun and interactive.



Summer 1 Growing and Changing



Early Years Foundation Stage
(EYFS)

Reception

Key information about this half term

This half term we will be learning lots about the world around us and how things change. We will be exploring life cycles of various creatures as well as learning about how people grow and change. This topic will also help us to learn about living things such as plants and we will discover how we can care for plants and where food comes from. As part of the topic we will experiment with different processes such as melting, freezing, thawing and rotting and will learn to describe the changes we see and how they have happened. Remember to regularly check Seesaw as we will be updating it throughout the term with new dates for your diary.

Literacy

Writing: This half term we will continue to practise writing sentences using a capital letter, finger spaces and a full stop and we will also be learning how to form each letter correctly. We will be writing for various purposes this half term including: writing instructions, making information books and creating maps.

Phonics: In phonics we are now working on learning more tricky words and being able to read and spell them in our writing. We will be recapping the sounds we have been learning and practise reading and writing them in longer words and will discover cluster sounds such as bl, sk and nt.

Reading: We will be changing your child's reading book on a **Monday** and **Friday** and will read with your child in school on these days and practise the sounds and words on their phonics cards. Your child should read to you for 5 to 10 minutes each day.

Communication and Language

The children are working hard on speaking in fuller sentences and being able to use words such as because, and, or. We are also learning to answer who, what, where, why and how questions in more detail. Each day we practise our listening and understanding skills by asking recall questions when we read stories or through conversations and class discussions.

Physical Development

Our PE day will continue to be on Tuesday so please make sure your child comes into school wearing their PE kit on this day. Their PE kit should be a black tracksuit and white t-shirt with black trainers. We encourage the children to be as independent as possible so please put your child in trainers that they can fasten: if they cannot tie their laces please ensure they have Velcro straps. Children are not allowed to wear earrings for PE so please ensure you remove them on PE days. This half term we will be learning to travel in various ways through our gymnastics lessons and will also discover how to follow rules through games using lots of different equipment.

Maths

In Maths we will be learning to recognise numbers up to 100 and learning how many tens and ones are in each number, we will also be revising number bonds to 5 and 10. We will learn different methods for adding and taking away and will learn how to solve problems. We will recap 2D shapes and will learn how shapes can be deconstructed or combined to make new shapes.

Expressive Art and Design

During this topic, the children will take part in lots of imaginative play in our role-play areas and will role-play caring for babies in our baby clinic and caring for plants in our garden area. We will continue to explore musical instruments and how they sound and will learn new songs and rhymes too. We will explore colour mixing, junk modelling, drawing, painting and collage through our daily art activities.

Understanding the World

The children will learn lots about how seeds grow and how we can care for plants, we will also discover where food comes from and the processes involved in cooking as well as freezing and melting. We will be exploring the changes that happen to our bodies as we grow and how we can care for our bodies.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

During this topic the children will learn the importance of being careful with nature and will learn how to care for living things. We will also be thinking about what makes a good friend and how we can show care and kindness towards others and to support one another too. The children are encouraged to talk about how they are feeling and why, and also to be mindful of how others might be feeling and why.