

# Summer 1

## Come outside!



## Reception

### Key information about this half term

Through this topic we will be learning how to care for plants and flowers and will grow our own from seed to plant and will discover all of the things they need to help them to grow. We will learn about changes over time, involving growing and also decay and will carry out some interesting experiments. We will look closely at the outdoor environment and look at weather, seasons and where our food comes from. During the topic, we will discover the importance of recycling and reusing materials where possible and how these things can impact our world.



### Literacy

**Writing:** The children will learn to use their phonics skills to write for a range of purposes such as making posters, labelling the parts of a plant and continuing a rhyming string. The children are encouraged to write their weekend news each Monday and they do this independently using the phonics they know. When writing the children are asked to check that they have included finger spaces, a full stop and a capital letter.

**Phonics:** In our phonics lessons this half term, we will be extended our phonics blending skills by learning to segment and blend longer words with up to six sounds. We will practise writing dictated sentences and also be encouraged to create our own sentences using key vocabulary relating to our topic.

**Reading:** Our reading days will be Monday and Friday and these are the days the children's books will be changed.

Please continue to listen to your child read each day for 5-10 minutes and sign their reading record each time they read.

### Maths

In Maths, we will build on our knowledge of the number 10 and beyond with subitising and building numbers using counters and numicon. The children will learn how



many tens and ones are in a number, they will learn one more and one less than a number and will practise ordering and writing numbers to 20. They will learn to count in 2s and 10s and will use a 100 square to notice and describe the patterns in numbers. They will also build on their knowledge of addition and learn how to subtract and record their findings.

### **Communication and Language**

This topic provides good opportunities to expand the children's vocabulary by learning scientific words relating to plants, seeds, weather and seasons. We will continue to have our words of the week which are displayed in the room for the children to become more familiar with. This topic helps the children to talk about what they can see happening and to describe in detail the changes they see. They will read about facts in non-fiction texts and will be encouraged to recall them using the new vocabulary.

### **Physical Development**

PE will continue to be on Tuesday mornings so please ensure the children come into school wearing their PE kit on this day. Please can we ask that children wear Velcro shoes so they can do them up by themselves to support their independence. In PE, we will be focusing on playing team games and learning to cooperate with others using equipment such as quoits, hoops, cones, beanbags and balls. The children will continue to have the opportunity to develop their balance and coordination and also learn to avoid obstacles as they use the bikes and build obstacle courses in the playground.



### **Expressive Art and Design**

This topic will provide opportunities for the children to work collaboratively, share their ideas and express their opinions with each other. The children will take part in collage, painting, printing, playdough, junk modelling and scissor control activities where they can show their creativity and imagination freely. Our role-play area will be a garden centre and the children will use the knowledge they have gained about plants and flowers and how to care for them in their imaginative play.



### **Understanding the World**

When we talk about the seasons and the weather the children will be encouraged to notice the difference between the climates around the world. We will spend lots of time exploring the natural world around us and will be outside in the garden and in our forest area in the playground doing tree rubbings and leaf printing too.

### **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

This half term, we will think carefully about the food we eat and whether it is healthy or unhealthy and what effect it has on our bodies. We will try new foods and be encouraged to be brave and try something new. The children will be encouraged to think about the impact of their words and actions on others. They will also be thinking about how we can recycle, reuse and reduce waste in order to care for the world and as a result other people.



### Weduc - Leverton App

Please download the Leverton App from the app store on your mobile phone to receive messages, dates and key information that the school publishes. You will be able to access our school newsletter each week so that you can keep up to date with everything happening in school. If you need any help please let us know

### J2E

J2E is an app where we post important messages and activities for the children to complete at home as homework.



Please make sure you can access your child's J2E account using their log in at the front of their reading record.

### Busy Things

The children have been given a login for My Busy Things which is a online learning resource that allows the children to complete tasks weekly, this is set every Friday, 1 phonics and 1 maths per week. The tasks are very engaging, fun and support your children's learning.



### Dates

Please check the weekly newsletter for up-coming dates and key information.