



Welcome to this week's learning letter. We are definitely noticing signs of spring now, and have enjoyed seeing the wonderful colours that new flowers bring. Our beans are starting to germinate and we will soon send them home for planting; we hope they will grow as big as Jasper's did in the story!

**A reminder that we will all be spending the day together at the Betchworth site on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.**

After the Easter break, we begin the summer term with our topic 'Where We Live'; we explore the villages that the school bases are in, and talk about our houses and homes. We would like **each child to send in a photo of their house**, taken from the outside, for our classroom display. If you would prefer, you can email them in and we can print them in school; please send them to [info@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk) and mark them for the attention of Robins or Owls.

In the last 2 weeks we have...

- Explored our grounds looking for signs of Spring
- Told the stories of the 3 Billy Goats Gruff, and Cinderella, using story language
- Used our focus stories in Forest School sessions
- Observed changes as our seeds have germinated
- Halved, doubled and shared
- Discussed what makes a healthy diet during Jigsaw sessions. Please also see attached overview of our Jigsaw PSHE programme

Over the next two weeks we will...

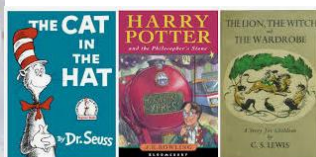
- Continue looking for seasonal changes
- Learn about odd and even numbers
- Develop our travelling skills in P.E.
- Practise letter formation in our Penpals sessions
- Look at the work of Andy Goldsworthy to inspire our Forest School sessions
- Talk about the Easter story

### **School Council Easter Brockham Bake and Book Sale Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 3 - 3.45pm**

Parents, please can you kindly donate a NUT FREE bake to our cake sale on Thursday 26 March at Brockham.

We are also running a book stall so if you have any books you would like to donate - please bring to school on the same day.

Remember to bring cash on the day so you can buy a cake or two! Thanks for your support!



### **Tips for reading with your child at home**

As we move towards the end of the Spring term, we thought it would be helpful to remind you of some strategies to help your child progress with their reading.

- Listen to your child read every day.
- If your child cannot recognise the word on sight, ask them to sound the word out and blend it into a whole word.
- When you reach a full stop, ask your child to re-read the sentence without segmenting and blending the words.
- At the end of each page, ask your child a question about what they have read. Encourage them to answer using a full sentence, rather than giving a one or two word answer.

## Reviewing our PSHE / RSHE provision

We are currently reviewing our PSHE curriculum in line with the DfE's updated statutory guidance for **Relationships, Sex and Health Education** (published 2025, for implementation from September 2026).

We use Jigsaw to teach PSHE. The programme consists of six half-term units (Puzzles): Being Me in My World, Celebrating Difference, Dreams and Goals, Healthy Me, Relationships and Changing Me.

Each Puzzle contains lessons that build progressively through the school, developing children's emotional literacy, self-esteem, resilience and understanding of how to build positive, healthy relationships.



The updated guidance enhances the Jigsaw programme with some adaptations: we will continue to teach Sex Education in years 5 and 6 (no longer in Y4) there is a greater focus on protected characteristics, age appropriate digital literacy and digital spending. Lower key stages also include lessons on fire and water safety. Early year's content has not changed.

CHANGES WOVEN INTO PROGRAMME	
 <b>BEING ME IN MY WORLD</b> Refreshed content, no structural changes	 <b>CELEBRATING DIFFERENCE</b> Minor updates, enhanced protected characteristics content
 <b>DREAMS &amp; GOALS</b> Some restructuring, 2 new lessons	 <b>HEALTHY ME</b> Substantial changes: 3 new safety lessons, Safety STAR framework
 <b>RELATIONSHIPS</b> Updated digital literacy content, lesson names updated	 <b>CHANGING ME</b> Significant changes: 4 new lessons, restructured puberty/sex ed content.

We are currently trialling these updated materials in Years 3 and 5 with a view to all year groups using the new content in the summer term with Relationships and Changing Me so we are ready by **September 2026**.

If you have any questions/comments or would like to look at the revised teaching materials, then please contact Mrs Boyer (PSHE@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk).