



Year R Learning Letter

Friday 15th March 2024

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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!

Dates for the diary:

Friday 22nd March is World Maths Day. Although Reception children do not use Timetable Rockstars, they are very welcome to come in dressed as their favourite rock star, or as one of the Numberblock characters

Monday 25th March Shared Curriculum linked to the topic of Easter:

All the Reception children will spend the day based at the Betchworth site so parents are asked to take their child to and collect them from our Betchworth village site (usual timings of 8.40-9am for drop off and 3pm for pick up). If your child usually attends Breakfast club at Brockham on a Monday then they should attend breakfast club at Betchworth, where Mrs Tennent will meet them. Please remember to bring a packed breakfast as there are no cooking facilities at Betchworth. If your child usually has a school meal, this will be supplied at Betchworth; and if they usually bring a packed lunch they should do so on this day too please.

As a lot of the activities will be outdoor based please ensure your child has their coat, wellies and water bottle. Robins should come to school wearing wellies, no shoes will be needed. They will not need book bags with them for the day.

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.

In the last 2 weeks we have...

- Explored our grounds looking for changes from Winter to Spring
- Told the story of the 3 Billy Goats Gruff, using story language
- Used our focus stories in Forest School sessions
- Observed changes as our seeds have germinated
- Halved, doubled and shared
- Talked about the life cycle of a bean
- Discussed what makes a healthy diet during Jigsaw sessions

Over the next two weeks we will...

- Continue looking for seasonal changes
- Learn about odd and even numbers
- Use the story of Cinderella as a focus for our learning
- 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

Wanted

- Recycling that can be used for junk modelling - small boxes in particular, please.
- Flour, salt, and cream of tartare to make play dough for our weekly dough disco!

Reminders

- Please remember to name ALL clothing
- Reading books are changed on **Monday and Thursday** - please remember no water bottles in book bags!
- Reading every day will really help your child develop confidence with the new sounds we are learning. Don't forget to ask questions about what your child has read, to help them with those very important comprehension skills.