

Year R Learning News

A big hello to our Year R families and welcome back after the Easter holiday; we hope you had an enjoyable break!



This half term, our topic is *A bug's Life*, allowing the children to explore mini-beasts, nature and the growth happening all around us in the season of Spring. With our lovely Reception garden, we have a wonderful environment to investigate this topic and

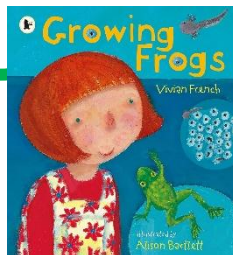


the children are already so excited by their learning and discoveries.

Book of the Week:

Growing Frogs

by Vivian French



This week we have been learning the difference between fiction and non-fiction books. Our book of the week is actually a bit of both! *Growing Frogs* is fiction story about a little girl who learns all about the life cycle of a frog; looking after frogspawn as it changes into tadpoles, then froglets until finally fully grown adult frogs. The book has lots of tips and advice of how to do this. Did you know you should always use pond water if keeping frogspawn and tadpoles? Can your child remember any other tips?



Dates

Monday 5th May – Bank holiday

Sunday 11th May – Dig Day

Friday 23rd May – INSET Day
(school closed for children)

Monday 26th – Friday 30th May -
Half Term

Maths:

In maths we have been looking at numbers beyond 10 and the pattern of numbers up to 20. We have noticed that the numbers above ten are made up of ten and some more – for example, 16 is ten and six more. We have been doing lots of counting, singing and reading number stories as well as using a variety of resources to explore numbers. At home, or out and about, can your child find ways to count beyond 10? How many stairs can they climb? How many ducks can they spot in the park? Can your child build a tower of more than ten? If they can, we'd love to hear about it!



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How you can help:

Donations for our garden: With Dig Day approaching on 11th May, we would love to maximise the potential of our wonderful Reception garden. We would welcome any donations of plants, planting materials, ornaments or anything else that would enhance our outdoor space. Please let your class teacher know or email the office if there is anything you are able to donate.



Phonics:

In Phonics, we have continued to review our GPCS (sounds) and have been looking at words with 4 GPCS that include short vowels. Can you sound and blend to read the words below?

lamp

chest

drum

pond

band

gift

munch

tenth

smash

sixth

Tricky
words:

some

my

are

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come

