

Reception Curricular Letter Spring 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you enjoyed the half term break and feel ready for another busy term ahead. This term, our topic is "**How Does Your Garden Grow?**" and we are excited to explore the wonders of nature with your child. We will learn about plants, animals, farms, and how the seasons change from winter to spring. To enhance their understanding, we encourage you to discuss these topics with your child at home. In addition, we will be exploring the themes of Easter, Lent, and Holy Week, while also learning about Ramadan and Eid al-Fitr, which fall at similar times this year. We look forward to a fun and enriching journey of discovery!



Some Key Dates – Please also check the school calendar

World Book Day – **Thursday 5th March**

Class Photograph Day (Red Polo Shirts) – **Monday 9th March**

Parent's Evenings – **Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th March**

PTFA Non-Uniform Day – **Friday 20th March**

World Down Syndrome Day –

Easter Service – **Tuesday 24th March**

Easter Multi-Skills with Chorley SSP (PE kits) – **Friday 27th March**

The Half Term Ahead

Growing
vegetables and
cooking skills

Easter
Multi- skills

Literacy
–
Oliver's
Vegetables

RE:
Holy
Week/Easter

Animals and
farms

Seasonal
changes -
Spring

International
World Book Day

Maths
–
Shape, addition,
subtraction and
daily routines.

Days to Remember

Monday

Reading books
changed

Reading buddies with
Year 6

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Show and Tell

Forest Friday
PE – children to come
to school in their PE
kits.

We will be exploring fiction and non-fiction based on growing such as Jack and the Beanstalk and Oliver's Vegetables. In RE we will be learning the Easter story. The children will have opportunities to write in Phonics, Literacy and Continuous Provision.

The children will be continuing with their daily phonics sessions through the Red Rose Phonics Scheme – we will be looking at Phase 3 digraphs and trigraphs this half term.

This half term we continue to encourage fine and gross motor development through our 'Funky Finger' activities in continuous provision, whilst beginning to develop letter formation in handwriting sessions.

Please can we politely encourage you to read with your child at home regularly, we suggest 4-5 times per week to build on your child's reading confidence and fluency. As the books continue to increase in difficulty, a lack of reading could impact your child's reading confidence and progression towards the Early Learning Goals and age-related expectations at the end of the academic year.

Mathematics

The children's mathematical development is furthered through whole class work, focused activities in small groups with an adult, independent challenges set in continuous provision and through play. During this half term, we will continue to develop children's knowledge of addition and subtraction. Children will also be exploring shape and sequencing their daily routines (morning and night etc) and singing the days of the week.

How you can help at home:

- Please continue to read regularly with your child at home, it really does help to consolidate their learning.
- Find everyday opportunities to look at numbers.
- Ensure their confident forming the letters in their name.
- Please ensure all belonging are labelled with your child's name, so if lost, they can be easily returned to you.
- We kindly request that children only bring water into school – still sugar free flavoured water is acceptable if they are struggling to drink in the day (please no coloured juice).

World Down Syndrome Day – Friday 21st March

The date for WDS Day being the 21st day of the 3rd month, was selected to signify the uniqueness of the triplication (trisomy) of the 21st chromosome which causes Down syndrome. Children are welcome to wear lots of socks, some children have bright coloured ones or with different patterns – or in the hair has a bobble.

Easter Service – Tuesday 24th March

Please drop off at Church for 8:30am, we will return to school together on a bus before lunch.

International World Book Day – Thursday 5th March

This event will take place on 05/03/2026. We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March 2026. This year's theme is "Be Your Book", and children are invited to come dressed as their favourite book or a character from their favourite book.

All children are asked to bring the book they are dressed as (or the book their character is from) on the day, as it will be used as part of our activities throughout World Book Day.

We understand that money is tight for many families in today's climate. If your child has not had a new book purchased for them since September, please don't hesitate to get in touch with Mrs McVittie – g.mcvittie@st-georges.lancs.sch.uk. School will be happy to organise the purchase of a new book for your child, which they can use and bring in for World Book Day this year.

We can't wait to see all of your amazing costumes!

Thank you once again for your support, if at any time you have questions or thoughts on your child's learning or well-being, please feel free to contact any member of the Foundation Stage Team.

Kind Regards,

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