



Shaw Education Trust

Rubies Class Newsletter

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Spring 2 – March 2025

Welcome Back & Updates

Welcome back to all our Rubies Families! The days are getting longer and Spring is on its way! Our topic this half term is 'Plants and Growth' and in full Spring spirit our learning this half term will be extremely green fingered! Our story this half term is called 'The Tiny Seed' by Eric Carle'.

Please continue to look out on 'Evidence for Learning' for photos of the fantastic work your children will be doing this half term. Also drop us a like on the Socials!

If you have any questions or would like to get in touch please don't hesitate to contact me on - bali.kaur@ivy.set.org - Bali Kaur (Teacher)



Key Concepts and Skills



Spring

Pupils are continuing to use a range of communication strategies throughout their day, ranging from gesture, signing, TOBI's and symbols.

We will be embracing nature by planting and exploring a range of different plants! From seed to plant is the goal! Pupils will be using their fine motor skills to dig, scoop, and plant. I'm excited to see what we can grow together!



We will also be going out for weekly walks to the nature reserve to spot signs of spring so please ensure your child has appropriate outdoorwear.



Reminders / additional information



If it is appropriate for your child to have snack, please use our ParentPay app to pay for it. We have a range of snack options, including yoghurts, crisps, biscuits and juice.

This half term our hydro day is **Monday and Wednesday** but please send in your child's kit at the beginning of the week as we may take them in whenever there is a space, please include a costume/trunks, 2 towels and some body wash/shampoo. Please remember to send in a change of clothes for your child each day, thank you.



Home Learning Curriculum Ideas

Cognition

We are learning to scoop, pour and fill plant pots

Could you plant some seeds of your choice with your child, and observe what happens?



PSED



This half term in PSHE we will be learning about how we are changing and growing.

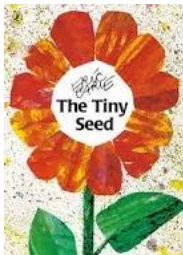
Could you email me photos of your child at different stages so that we can celebrate how they have changed and grown?

Also please continue to encourage your child to eat and drink as independently as possible.

Communication



Does your child have a favourite story that you enjoy sharing with them. Can you read 'The Flower' at home? Do you know any other stories about plants and growing?



Physical Development



Let's continue to work on our fine motor skills this term. Can you do some scooping and pouring into plant pots? Encourage your child to pick up seeds and press them into the soil. What can you grow?



Signing

Our additional Makaton signs this half term are:



Daily dose of Nature



Rubies will be getting their daily 20 minute dose of nature to improve their well-being. It also gives us an opportunity to appreciate all the beautiful nature around us. If you take your child on a Spring walk then please share that with us on EFL.

