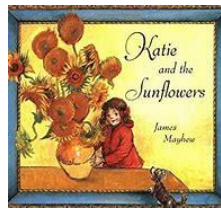
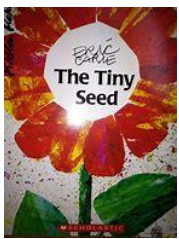




Beech Newsletter

March 2025

We are now halfway through the academic year; it is going so quickly! This term our topic is Spring and Growing. Our focus books will be *The Tiny Seed*, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, and *Katie and the Sunflowers*. We will be learning about seeds, planting them and watching them grow, learning about lifecycles of plants and animals and focusing on sunflowers with a bit of Van Gogh inspiration!



In **Maths** this half term Reception will be continuing build on 'five and a bit more' to develop their understanding of the composition of numbers to 8. We will be ordering numbers and noticing doubles and other attributes such as equal, odd or even. We will also be learning about 3D shapes- their properties and their names.

In **Phonics Reception** children are now reading words with double letters and longer words that need 'chunking up'. Words will have two or more digraphs in them and be longer e.g. ending in -ing. We will continue to send home a review sheet each week for you to spend some time with your child recapping the new sounds. **Nursery** children will continue to focus on hearing sounds, rhymes and oral blending. The nursery rhymes this half term are Twinkle Twinkle, Jack and Jill, Hickory Dickory Dock, Hey Diddle Diddle, Humpty Dumpty and Wind the Bobbin up.

Reading

In class the session focus is on decoding, prosody (expression) and comprehension. The children will continue to read their reading book three times a week in class and then sent home on a Wednesday. Books will be changed again on a Monday. Thank you for all your support and comments in the planner book.

PE session will be on **Fridays**. We will get the children changed and send them home in PE kits. This half term we will be focusing on cooperate and solve problems for Reception and team games such as Stuck in the Mud for Nursery.

Topic

When looking at Spring and Growth, the children will have the opportunity to choose which seed they would like to grow and help care for it. We will be exploring seeds and flowers using as many senses as we can, using descriptive words to write an instruction leaflet about growing. We will be learning how to make an observational drawing and practicing composing sentences for Literacy.

As part of the Come Outside aspect, we have a new den and material to cover it and we will be encouraging lots of physical activity outside as the weather improves. If anyone has any unused camping equipment such as sleeping mat, kettle, waterproof blanket that they would be happy to donate, we would love to create a camping area.



PHSE

We will be examining healthy relationships and how we communicate with each other, including compromising.

Homework

Homework will be sent out as a challenge sheet for the children to pick from throughout the ½ term. A phonics review sheet will be sent home on a Friday to consolidate the weeks learning. Any comments can be shared in the learning journal.

Come in!

I am pleased to invite parents and carers in to play with us on Friday 14th March at 2:15. This is the date of our assembly so you can go straight to the hall at 2:55 afterwards. The focus will be Science.

Additional

Can I ask for a photo of your child helping (washing up, cooking etc) in the kitchen or scanning at the supermarket please to be emailed to me to enhance our home corner? I am always pleased to see photos of your special trips or events via Tapestry, which we show the class. If anyone is having trouble accessing Tapestry, please let me know.