

# This half term Reception are learning about:



## English

In English, we are continuing to consolidate our knowledge of Phase 3 digraphs and challenging ourselves to apply this knowledge to write simple sentences. We will also begin reading our new focus book 'The Extraordinary Gardener' which is all about a wonderful boy called Joe who transforms his ordinary world into an extraordinary one with the help of others in his neighbourhood.

## Understanding the World

This half term, we will be learning about the season spring and all the seasonal changes we can observe in the natural world. To support this, we will be planting a variety of seeds and learning how to care for them. We will also participate in World Book Day, British Science Week, and Easter celebrations.

## Expressive Arts and Design

In our creative area, we will continue to explore colours and mixing and using these skills to create observational drawings of flowers and animals. We will also be having a go at creating models using junk materials and a variety of joining methods.

## Things to do at home:

- ❖ Have a go at the 'Spring Scavenger Hunt' – take a photo of what you find and send it to Mrs Basra or Miss Walton via Class Dojo.
- ❖ Use items from your recycling bin to make a model – send a photo of your creation to your class teacher via Class Dojo.

## Mathematics



In Mathematics, we are exploring the composition of numbers to 7 as '5 and a bit' and connecting this to finger patterns and the Hungarian number frame. We will also be beginning to sort odd and even numbers according to their 'shape'. This term will also see a focus on using comparative language such as biggest/longest/tallest/heaviest.

## RE



We will be finishing off our current topic of 'Gathering' where we have been learning how the parish family gathers to enjoy Mass. We will also begin our new topic 'Growing' where we will learn that Lent is a time to grow in love and will explore the Easter Story.

## PSHE

We will be learning how to keep ourselves healthy through regular exercise, managing screen time and making healthy food choices as well as continuing our work on recognising and describing our emotions.











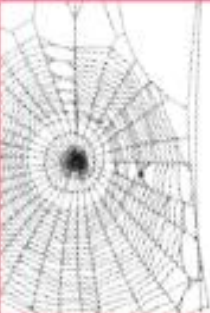




## Physical Development

In our PE lessons, we will develop our ball skills so that we can successfully throw and catch with a partner. We will also be learning to roll, throw and kick a ball towards a target. In the classroom, we will be continuing to develop our cutting skills using scissors to cut a variety of different materials.

# SPRING SCAVENGER HUNT

Look around for these spring items and animals. When you spot one, take a photograph and tick it off your list.

Who can find them all?

Something Yellow		A spring flower		A bird		Something red	
A flying insect		A nest		3 different shaped leaves		Buds on a tree	
A new plant poking through the soil		Something that crawls		A spider web		Something that smells nice	
Something bumpy		A puddle		A feather		Animal tracks or footprints	