



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome Back!

We hope you enjoyed your half term break!



This half term we start our new topic –

Watching Things Grow!

This week we will discuss the 5 features of 'a living thing' – did you know if something is alive and living, it can eat, drink, move, breathe & reproduce.

We will be encouraging the children to explain their answers...

A plant is a living thing **BECAUSE** it can eat, drink, move, breathe & reproduce!

A car is NOT a living thing **BECAUSE** it can **NOT** eat, drink, move, breathe or reproduce.

Our story this week is, 'The Tiny Seed' by Eric Carle.

Here is the link if you would like to watch it at home:

[The Tiny Seed | Kids Books Read Aloud - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kd8e8e8e8e8)

Vocabulary - We will continue to learn the meaning of new vocabulary throughout the week.

You may wish to talk about these words at home?

Breathe, absorb, reproduce, living, non-living, spring, growing, blossom, seed, seedling, petal, stem, leaf, bud, root, shoot, plant, flowering, soil, watering, air, rainfall, & sways.

Ways you can help at home: Phonics

This week in phonics they will revisit and practise 'sound talking and blending' words with digraphs/trigraphs and learning to read these words in longer sentences.

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Phase 3 - Spring 2 Week 1

Focus - Phase 3 phonemes



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Phonemes we will be focusing on this week in school -

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oo	ar	or	ur
oo	ow	oi	ear

We will be reading and writing words. Can you spot segment and blend these words and spot this week's phonemes?

tail	deep	fight	load
food	hard	born	surf
foot	town	boil	hear

We will be reading sentences. Can you spot any tricky words? Can you segment and blend the words and look out for this week's phonemes?

The man has a long boat. He has buckets of carrots.
The night is dark. The cat has a curl in his tail.
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We will be practising tricky words. Can you spot the tricky part of the word?

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Ways you can help at home: Maths

In Maths we will be learning to compare **length and height**. We will talk about which is the longest and shortest and the tallest and shortest. We will order objects by their length and height and use **comparative language** such as longer than, taller than and shorter than.

Tapestry:

Don't forget to share your home learning and achievements at home with us on Tapestry.

Thank you, From the EYFS team



Reminders/information:

PE this half term, YRB will do PE every Wednesday morning. YRG will do PE every Friday morning. This half term 'Rees Sports' will be teaching YRG.

Please ensure your child returns their PE kit this week, ready for their PE lesson.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE ensure ALL items and their PE bags are clearly labelled, as this helps us to return any items left in hall!!

Birthdays this week:

We would like to wish,

Elijah

a very happy birthday!

Have a wonderful time celebrating this week.



Secret Library

The children love visiting the secret library every Thursday. Please remember to return their library book, so they can exchange their library book for a new one.



Phonics games

Here are some fun free phonics games to play at home.

Please click on the link below

<https://www.phonicsbloom.com/uk/game/list/phonics-games-phase-3>





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