



# Reception's Weekly Newsletter



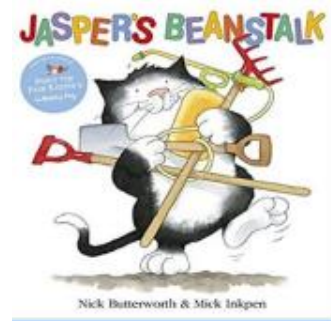
**Date: Monday 15th April 2024**

Welcome back to school! We hope you had a lovely Easter holiday and are looking forward to the Summer term ahead of us. Our new topic for this half term is 'Caring for Living Things'. The children have begun exploring our new role play areas: a Garden Centre and a Vets Surgery. In the next few weeks, we will be investigating minibeasts, growing plants, meeting farm animals and learning about life cycles. Thank you very much for sending in the decorated plant pots to support your children's learning - these pots will be put to good use next week!

We have been busy updating the Rabbits and Squirrels Class Pages on our new school website. We have described some highlights of last half-term's learning and posted a few photos. You can also see our Curriculum Overview for this current half term: Summer 1.

## This week's learning includes:

- Talking and writing about our news from the holidays
- Sorting 'living' and non-living things.
- RE: What makes something special.
- Build numbers beyond 10. Recognise the pattern 'one ten and...more'.



## Vocabulary we will use with the children this week includes:

**Maths:** 'one ten and xxx more' e.g. 12 is one ten and two more. **Literacy:** went, saw, then, finger space, full stop. **Understanding the World:** special, living, caring, vet, pet, surgery, garden, plant, seed. **PSE:** family.

## Homework

**RE: Special objects** - For our RE lesson next Monday (22nd), we will be talking about what makes something special. Please can you choose something that is special to your child to bring into school on Monday 22nd. Prepare them to talk to the class about why it is special to them (for example, someone special gave it to them or it reminds them of a special memory or it makes them feel calm).

**Reading:** Continue to read/share the reading books from school. New Read Write Inc books will be given out during this week, once a book has been finished in school.

## Messages

- Please make sure your child brings a full PE kit into school ready for our PE lessons on Tuesday and Thursday. Thank you.