

# What is happening in Reception this week?

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## Literacy



We will be reading a rhyming book this week called 'One Mole Digging a Hole, written by Julia Donaldson. It is a number poem book that rhymes with different things in the garden, e.g. bees and trees, snakes and rakes etc. We will be exploring and trying to come up with rhyming words. In our handwriting, we will be exploring writing on a line.

## Maths



We are going to be revising our numbers 1-20, practising counting, reading and writing our numbers. We will also be practising our adding and subtracting skills. During the week, we will also explore sharing. We will be sharing amounts into two or more groups - thinking about whether each group has the same (equal) amount.



## Topic

This term we are thinking about things that live, move and grow in and on the ground, air and water. This week we are looking at what is underground. We will look at plants under the ground, noting their roots. We will look at some root vegetables where we eat the root like a carrot. We will compare them and think which ones we like. We will be planting our own bean and looking at how it grows and looking at its root.

## Messages

The children have settled back well following the Easter holidays and continue to make good progress in their skills. This term we are continuing to focus on further developing our listening skills and managing our feelings and behaviour. This term, we are trialling changing our PE day to a Thursday afternoon. Could you please make sure your child has their PE kit in school by Thursday of this week. We are also now going to change class library books on a Friday again. Please return books so that your child can select a new one to bring home.

**IMPORTANT**

## How can you help at home?

This term we are having a focus on developing and improving our communication and language. We are working on listening but also our vocabulary. Sometimes, we assume children understand words but sometimes they don't. This can hinder their learning and impact on their attainment. Gaps grow over time which can impact on future life chances. Each week in school, we are focusing on ensuring our children understand certain vocabulary. This week, can you talk to your child and check they understand these words. Can they tell you about them? Describe them? Use them in a sentence? If not, please spend time developing their understanding with them, boosting their school learning. This week's vocabulary is:

**helmet, uniform, belt, sleeve, collar, boots, jacket, cardigan, pocket, button, zip, long, short, wear, hang, match**

Please continue to practise sounds, words and reading books with your child. Practise orally blending to support reading and remember to read to your child and talk about stories with them. Please keep all reading in the children's bag so it is returned to school each day - thank you!

**We are always here to support you. Education is a partnership. The stronger the partnership, the better it is for everyone. If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything, please let us know.**

**Have a lovely week!**