



Christ Church Church of England Primary School Curriculum Newsletter

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."
1 Peter 4: 10

Welcome to the Spring 2 edition of the Curriculum News where our theme is 'Growth and Seasonal changes.' We hope that you will find it useful and informative. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher if you have any questions regarding the curriculum this half term.

Important information

- P.E. will take place on **Monday** and **Friday**. Please ensure your child is in full P.E kit with long hair tied back and **no earrings**.
- Our next stay and play session will take place on **Friday 20th March at 2.20pm** themed around expressive art and design.
- **Please start collecting any items that you would like to use with your child to make an Easter bonnet, we will construct our bonnets during our stay and play session.**
- Please continue to read together at home, recording comments in the yellow reading diary.

Communication and language

This half term we are building on children's ability to clarify their thinking skills. We will practice oral recollection of events and familiar stories using sequencing through pictures and words. We will focus on first, then, next and finally to develop sequencing language. **As part of our ongoing show and tell, we would like children to bring in anything that relates to Spring and growth.**

Physical development

In our **fundamental skill** PE session (Monday), we will further develop and refine a range of ball skills including, throwing, passing, kicking, batting and aiming. In our **gymnastics** lesson (Friday) we will focus on developing overall body strength, balance and coordination. We will link simple balances together to create short sequences of movement.

Personal, social and emotional

We will develop our understanding of managing ourselves by learning how to keep our bodies healthy by eating a range of fruits and vegetables, learning how they grow from seeds. This half term we will take part in our 'Right Start' road safety lessons in which children will learn about safe crossing with an adult.

Literacy

In our daily phonics lesson, we will continue to review the Level 3 sounds. We will develop our blending skills and review all level 2 and 3 tricky words. We will continue to use handwriting sessions to form our lower and upper case letters correctly with a particular focus on descenders (y, g, j, f, q). We will be encouraging the children to write short sentences such as 'It is a ...', 'I can see a...'

Some key texts that we will be exploring this half term include: 'The odd egg,' 'It is not my egg,' 'Jack and the beanstalk' and 'My bean diary.'



Mathematics

We will continue to verbally count beyond 20, recognising the pattern of the counting system. We will compare quantities up to ten within different contents using the terms: more, less, equal and difference. We will explore and represent patterns within numbers up to 10, including evens and odds, double facts and how quantities can be distributed evenly.



RE

Our Questful RE theme for this half term is 'Easter.' We will explore our big question: **Why do Christians believe that Easter is all about love?** We will explore the Easter story events, sequencing them to help us to understand the meaning behind Easter for Christians. During our stay and play session, we will make an Easter bonnet so that we can enjoy an Easter bonnet parade together. **Please start collecting any items that you would like to use with your child, we will construct our bonnets in our stay and play session.**



Understanding the world

As part of our 'growth and seasonal changes' theme, children will explore Spring and the changing seasonal elements in our local area. We will compare Spring to Winter and use our beautiful school grounds to make observations. Our role-play area has become a garden centre; children will explore seed and bulb development and learn about plants, fruits and vegetables. We will also explore life cycles.

Expressive arts and design

Our weekly nursery rhymes and poems will include, 'Here is the beehive,' 'Little Bo Peep', 'Rain.' We will use the work of David Hockney to inspire our own Spring inspired paintings. We will use a range of collage materials to create our own representations of Spring to use in our role-play area.



PSHE

Our SCARF theme this half term is '**Growing and changing**'. We will focus on life stages, life cycles and seasons as well as how our bodies change as they grow. We will learn about the changes from birth to age 5. It is very important that children are able to name their body parts and understand how to keep themselves safe. We will use the **NSPCC song**:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-lL07JOGU5o>