

Reception Newsletter

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Happy New Year to you all! We hope you had a lovely Christmas holiday and would like to thank you all very much for our lovely cards, gifts and vouchers. It was very generous and they were much appreciated. Last term was very successful and we are pleased with the progress all the children made. Everyone settled in quickly and had lots of fun making new friends.

This term...

Our main topic this term is **Living and Growing**. We will begin by learning about animals in the Arctic and Antarctic and then we will observe animals and plants and read the book 'Oliver's Vegetables'. This all ties in with Healthy Mind and Body week commencing 13th January during which we have a lot of exciting activities planned. Next half term we will be learning about farming and farm animals. We will also be studying plants - planting seeds, caring for them and recording their growth.

Important events

Healthy Mind and Body Week: Week beginning 13th January

World Book Day: Thursday 6th March

Parent Consultations: Tuesday 25th March & Thursday 27th March

Mother's Day Liturgy: 28th March

The week's highlights:

Monday	French Reading books are changed PE (Children to come into school in PE kit and stay in it)
Tuesday	Library
Thursday	PE (Children to come into school in PE kit and stay in it) Reading books are changed Homework goes home, to be returned the following Wednesday.

Important reminders:

- School water bottles must be in school every day. Please fill them up before school and encourage the children to carry them in their hand, as after a few weeks of the lids being chewed they do tend to leak!
- PE kit and school uniform must be clearly labelled.
- Please ensure your child has full and correct school uniform on at all times.
- If your child's hair is long it needs to be tied up using bands and clips in school colours.
- **Please ensure you are hearing your child read regularly and are writing comments in the reading record book.**
- Please encourage your child to practise putting on, and doing up their coats independently.

