

RECEPTION - SPRING 2

MEET THE

TEAM

WELCOME
BACK



Miss Dunbar



Mrs
Keegan



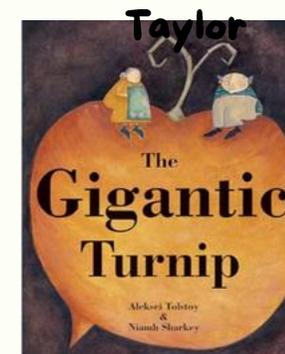
Mrs
Hussain



Mrs Siddique



Mrs Shivnan-



This half term our new topic is Growing and Changing, inspired by our key texts *The Gigantic Turnip*, *The Tiny Seed*, and *The Hungry Caterpillar*. The children will be exploring food and farming, learning about where food comes from, how plants grow, and what humans, plants and animals need to stay healthy and thrive.

The environment and staffing will continue to be organised to allow us to respond to the children's interests in the moment, so learning is meaningful, engaging and personalised. If your child has any books at home linked to plants, growing, lifecycles or farms, they are very welcome to bring them in to share with the class.

Notices

PE

P.E. KITS FOR RECEPTION ON FRIDAY
Reception children from this term will now take part in a P.E. lesson in the hall. Their PE slot is Friday morning. On Friday your child can come to school in their P.E kit. A P.E kit includes a blue polo shirts (same as uniform), leggings or jogging pants and a pair of trainers. Please ensure that all items of kit-including trainers are clearly labelled with your child's name



LABELLING

Please could we ask you to ensure that all items of uniform including shoes, coats, lunch boxes and spare clothes bags are clearly labelled with your child's name. Inevitably, items are put on the wrong peg, left in the classroom or accidentally go home with the wrong child. Clear labelling allows the children to become independent and enables us to find items quickly and return them to their owner.

Seasonal Celebrations

This term we will be learning about Ramadan and Eid where Mrs Hussain and Mrs Siddique will share their experiences with the children followed by an Eid party, we will send out more information regarding this closer to the event. We will also be celebrating the Christian festival of Easter through stories, discussions and creative activities.

OUTDOOR CLOTHING

This half term we will be spending lots of time outdoors exploring signs of Spring, hunting for caterpillars, planting seeds and observing changes in nature. We hope the weather will get warmer, however, please ensure your child has a waterproof coat with them each day..

Benefits of Reading

1. Language Development

- Regular reading exposes children to new vocabulary, sentence structures, and sounds, which strengthens their language skills.
- It helps them understand how words connect to meaning, improving comprehension and communication.



3. Emotional Bonding

- Shared reading time creates a sense of security and strengthens the parent-child relationship.
- It provides opportunities for comfort and positive interaction, which is essential for emotional well-being.

2. Cognitive Growth

- Listening to stories stimulates imagination and creativity.
- It builds memory, attention span, and problem-solving skills as children follow plots and anticipate outcomes.

4. Early Literacy Skills

- Children learn how books work (left-to-right reading, turning pages) and begin recognizing letters and sounds.
- These foundational skills make the transition to independent reading smoother.

Books

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5. Academic Success

- Studies show that children who are read to regularly perform better in school, especially in reading and writing.
- It fosters curiosity and a love for learning, which benefits all subjects.

6. Social and Emotional Understanding

- Stories introduce children to different characters, cultures, and situations, helping them develop empathy and social awareness.

Reading
Time

Home Learning

Please can we ask for your continued support in reading daily with your child.

Thank you in anticipation for your support and help
The Early Years Team