



# YEAR R NEWSLETTER

SUMMER ONE 2026

## WHAT'S ON THIS HALF TERM - Growing

Throughout this theme we will be exploring different changes that happen in nature, how we as humans grow from tiny babies to tall adults, how frogs transform from frogspawn to tadpoles and then to frogs, how plants grow from tiny seeds.

We will also be looking at the life cycles of butterflies and birds - we are very excited watch the caterpillar transform into butterflies.

As the weather warms we will be planting some more vegetables in our growing patches and the children are going to vote on what they would like to plant (and later eat once they are grown).

We will be talking throughout this theme about how we have grown and would love the children to be able share pictures of themselves as babies (so they can see how they have grown) - please could you email us or upload to Tapestry a picture of them as a baby.

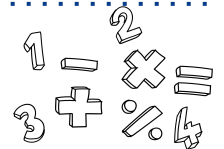


## LITERACY

In **phonics** we will be securing our digraph sounds (two letters that make one sound). The children will be reading more complex sentences that include a range of high frequency words.

In **Writing Club** the children will be encouraged to write sentences that include CVC words and high frequency words with correct spellings.

## MATHS



In **maths** we will be building numbers beyond 10 and then looking at the counting pattern beyond 20.

We will be exploring adding and taking away, before learning about sharing and grouping.

**Our welly walk this half term will:** Be to the parade of shops to see what different shops there are locally in Hordle. We will also be buying some ingredients for our snack.

## SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD AT HOME

**Reading** - we ask that children read at **least 4x per week** and that this is recorded in their reading challenge, this could include books that adults have read to their child. Reading challenges **MUST** to be in school every day.

**High frequency words** - We really appreciate your support in helping your child to learn their rainbow/planet high frequency words. They will be tested each week when they read with their teacher in school. There are 9 sets of words to learn across the year. We will test your child on these words weekly in school. By the start of the summer term we would like your child to have completed the sixth set of words (purple) and be learning the seventh set (pink).

**Maths** - Encourage your child to talk about the different ways that 10 can be made - this fun game ([Save the Whale](#)) can support children with securing number bonds to 10

Our parent event this half term is:

**Class Art Exhibition** - we warmly invite you to join us Wednesday 20th May at 9am for a short information session about helping your child with spellings and maths at home. Following the information session you will be able to browse our class art gallery with your child. Each child will each be showcasing a piece of art that they have created - which will be available to purchase for a £2 donation. All profits will go towards exciting, new art supplies that the children will research, choose and use next half term.

### DIARY DATES

Please visit the school calendar regularly for updates.



### Attendance

We monitor attendance carefully as there is a strong link between attendance and achievement. Days off add up to lost learning. We appreciate your support in allowing your child to access the education they deserve.



### **Bean Competition:**

Reminder that the competition ends on May 22nd - before that date send in the biggest bean, pictures of the tallest beanstalk....we have a range of bean related certificates up for grabs.

### GETTING IN TOUCH



Teachers are happy to help and are generally available at the end of the school day or by email. Please do not try to catch them in the mornings while they are settling the children. Urgent messages can be passed to the school office. *Please allow up to 2 school days for email responses as teachers are child-facing during the day.*

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