

<p><b>Physical Development</b> - There will be plenty of opportunities to practise both gross and fine motor skills both inside the classrooms and outside. The children will also be practising their balancing and climbing skills in their sessions with Mr Croucher. We are also introducing 'Welly Wednesdays' to get the children into the school grounds.</p>	<p><b>Welcome back to Reception.</b>  <b>Our PE is on Friday this term. Please send in your child's PE kit, which they can leave on their pegs. We are also going to be having 'Welly Wednesdays' this term so please can you send a pair of named wellies into school on that day.</b></p>	<p><b>Social and Emotional Development</b> - This term we are focusing on our new behavioural expectations, 'Ready, Safe, Kind', and learning about our school value, which is self-control. We will continue our Jigsaw activities around 'Healthy Me!'</p>
<p><b>Reading and phonics</b>- The children are continuing to make good progress within their daily phonics lessons. Your child will continue to bring home a phonically decodable book. We will also continue to give your child a shared reading book for you to enjoy with your child. Please continue to write in your child's reading record when you hear them read and ensure your child brings in their book bag every day. Please hear your child read at home as often as possible.</p>	<p><b>Reception Newsletter  Spring 2, 2024</b></p> <p><b>Castles and Dragons!!!</b></p> 	<p><b>Understanding of the World</b> - We will be thinking about the Easter story in RE and thinking about why Christians put a cross on an Easter garden. We will be exploring the changing seasons in our school garden. We will be going into the school grounds for 'Welly Wednesdays'. We will be looking for signs of spring and learning about our bug hotel. We will also be growing runner beans from seeds</p> <p><b>Mathematical Development</b> – This half term we will be looking at the composition of numbers up to 8. We will learn about doubles and odd and even numbers. We will continue to practise counting and subitising.</p>
<p><b>Communication and Language</b> – This term we are focusing on the story of 'Zog'. We will also be reading lots of other stories about castles and dragons. We will have a castle role-play area in the outside area to help the children develop some great vocabulary regarding our topic. We will then focus on the story of 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. The children will continue with 'show and tell' and take turns to take the class teddy bear home and then share their time with the bear with the rest of the class.</p>	<p><b>In the last week of this half term (just before the Easter holidays) we will be having a <b>Castle Banquet</b> in school. The children can come to school dressed as a Castle Character - for example, a Knight, Jester, Lord, Princess, Queen, King or dragon. Look out for more details on Seesaw and Parentmail soon. We are also planning a trip to Farleigh Hungerford Castle straight after the Easter holidays – look out for a letter with more details on Parentmail soon.</b></p>	<p><b>Expressive Arts and Design</b> – The children will help make our castle role-play area. They will paint flags and shields and collage swords. They will then help make a giant and a beanstalk to add to our castle later on in the term.</p> <p>We will listen to castle music, and then make and perform our own music with instruments.</p> <p>We will make Easter cards.</p>