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PRIMARY ACADEMY  
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# Reception Class Newsletter

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## News

### Phonics

The children have settled well into their phonic groups and are really working hard to read words and spell using their 'Fred fingers'. Please support your child's phonics journey at home by reading with them as often as you can and practising writing words using their phonic knowledge.

### Literacy

The children have massively impressed us this week with their amazing knowledge of plants following our Literacy text, Seed to Plant. Children have been sorting the 4 parts of a plant life cycle into the correct order and labelling it using their phonics to write the words *seed, root, shoot, bud*.

### Maths

In maths children have been enhancing their subitising skills, spotting patterns of 6 or not 6. Children were recognising die patterns and irregular patterns of 6 and using counters to recreate these.

### Other

This week the children have been discussing Earth Day and ways to save the planet. We decided that we were going to try hard to turn the tap off when we brushed our teeth, turned off lights and to pick up litter.

Within PE we have been enjoying our games unit. This week children were enhancing their throwing skills, practising under arm and over arm throws. We have then found the children using these skills within their outdoor play.

A massive thank you to all parents/carers for giving up their time to attend parents evening over the past 2 weeks. If you still need to speak to your child's teacher with regards to their development please speak to a member of the team.

### Reminders

Please remember **snack is £1 a week**. This can be paid weekly or termly. Speak to a member of the reception team if you have any questions.

**As the weather is warming up, please ensure your child has a sun hat, sun cream applied and spare clothes due to water play.**

Thank you for your continued support,  
Mrs Halsall  
Miss Chiocchi