

CHOLLERTON FIRST SCHOOL

Reception Topic Letter

Our topic this term is Growing Things and minibeasts



In Literacy, we will study the traditional fairy tale of Jack and the Beanstalk.



- We will do report writing on ladybirds, butterflies and seeds.
- We will look at how we find information from an information book.

- We will continue to think about initial blends in phonics - *th* and *wh*, *sh*, *ch* at the end of words. *oo*, *ee* in the middle of words

Please continue with reading. Read to your child if they are tired and they will benefit from this.

In Number, Space, Shape and Measure we are working on symmetry, pattern making and capacity.

- Symmetry: looking at and creating symmetrical patterns. Looking at the axis of symmetry.
- Capacity: filling different containers, full, empty, half full, half empty. How many egg cups will fill the pan? Carefully filling and pouring water.



We will introduce litres - please look at bottles to show the children how adults measure liquid.

We are continuing to reinforce counting, number order, recognising numbers and practising writing numerals to 20.

We will also revisit ways of making numbers using the processes of addition and subtraction.

We will continue with problem-solving linked to storybooks.

In Understanding the World

We are thinking about why we grow plants and why they are so important to us. We will look at the growth of plants and name their parts: roots, stem, leaves and flower.



We will study the life cycle of a butterfly and observe snails. We will think about how minibeasts move, grow and the food they prefer.

We will design and make seed packets.

In **R.E.** we will listen to the parable of the mustard seed.

We will also consider what we enjoy about our environment - 'awe and wonder'.

We will take a colour each week and think about natural things for that colour.

In **Expressive Arts and Design**, we will study Van Gogh's sunflowers and then create our own - mixing yellows and browns.



We will consider background and foreground in pictures.

In **Physical Development** we will be outside as much as possible. Becky will be working on athletics and preparing for sports day.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Hazel Davey