



Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017

### **Reception news for the week**

Dear Parents,

#### **The Circle of Life**

This week, we have continued our learning on the 'Circle of life' by reading 'The Tiny Seed'. The children have been interested in how plants and flowers grow following on from our work on Jack and the Beanstalk. The children have



sequenced pictures of the life of a plant cycle and created fabulous paintings and collages by looking at famous artists such as Monet, Van Gogh and O'Keeffe. Some of our children also carried out

observational drawings of the spring flowers in our outdoor learning area. They were able to label the different parts of the flower, for example the stem, petals, leaves and root.



#### **Mathematical Development**

In Maths, children have been busy counting seeds into the correct packet for the Manager of JCA Florists (outdoor role play area) using numicon so that they can recognise numbers 1-20 and count reliably. Children have also thoroughly enjoyed counting out the flowers in the Florists and presenting them to other children/adults using the special 'bike delivery service'. So far, we have had two weddings and a flower delivery to the war memorial!!!! Please keep practising counting with your child, especially numbers 11-20 to reinforce the work we have done this week.



#### **Phonics**

New groups have now been formed for Phonics. Children will review the sounds appropriate to their ability so don't worry if your child is following a slightly different programme to another child in class. It really is important that children consolidate their knowledge and understanding at this stage in the year. In Literacy, children are starting to write sentences about our topic and this week the emphasis has been on writing about our favourite book character for World Book Day. This has really inspired the children which is lovely to see.

#### **Physical development**

In PE, the children have practised balancing the magic beans on different parts of the body and 'planted' them in different spaces when the wind blew! We also worked together in house colour teams in the magic bean relay challenge.

Have a fantastic weekend,

Mrs Burrows, Mrs Sellars & Miss Belford

