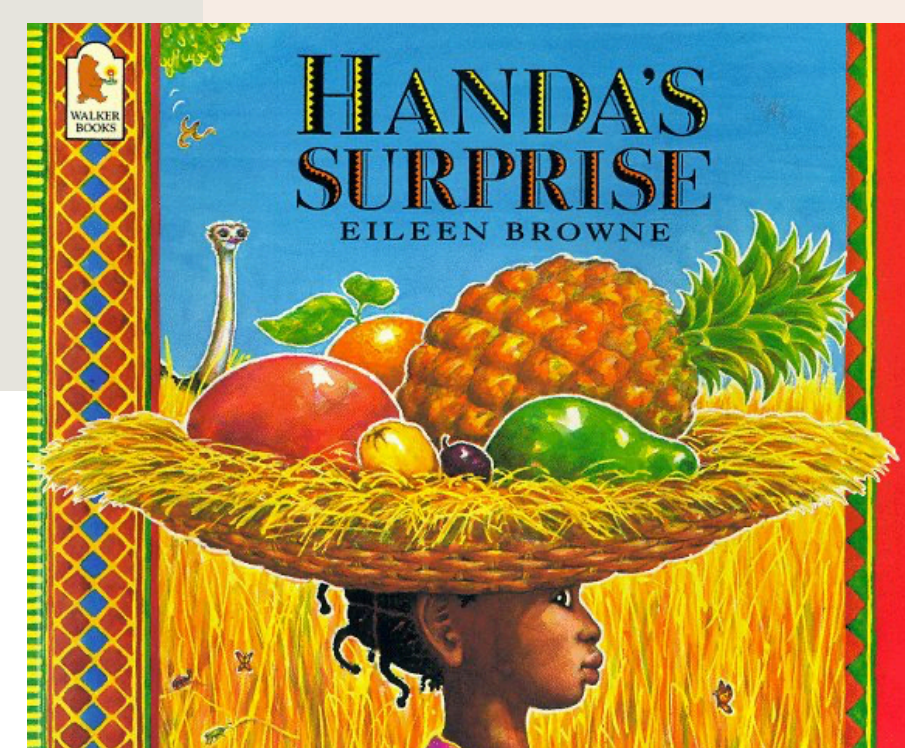


# HOW DOES IT GROW?

## RECEPTION CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

### OVERVIEW

We are learning about how living things grow and change over time.



### PSED

We are focusing on building and maintaining positive relationships. We'll be learning ways to make and keep friends.

### PE

We are practising our ball skills. We are learning to:

- throw a ball
- aim at a target
- play games in a team
- Keep a score
- take turns and co-operate

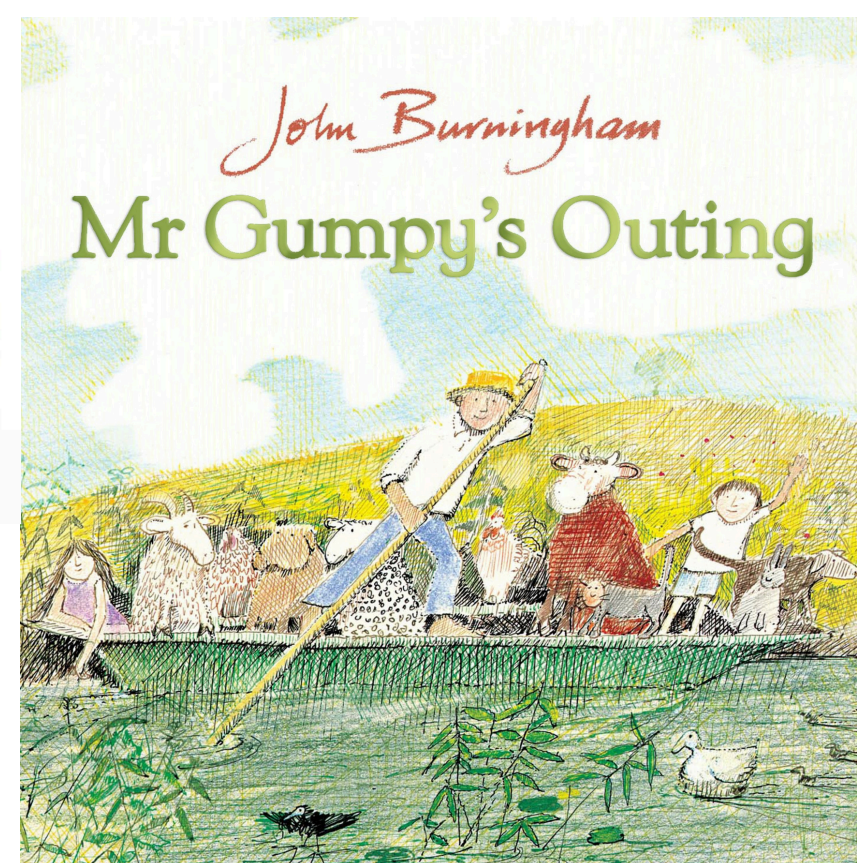
We have a weekly session with sports coach AcKie. He will also be teaching us dance.



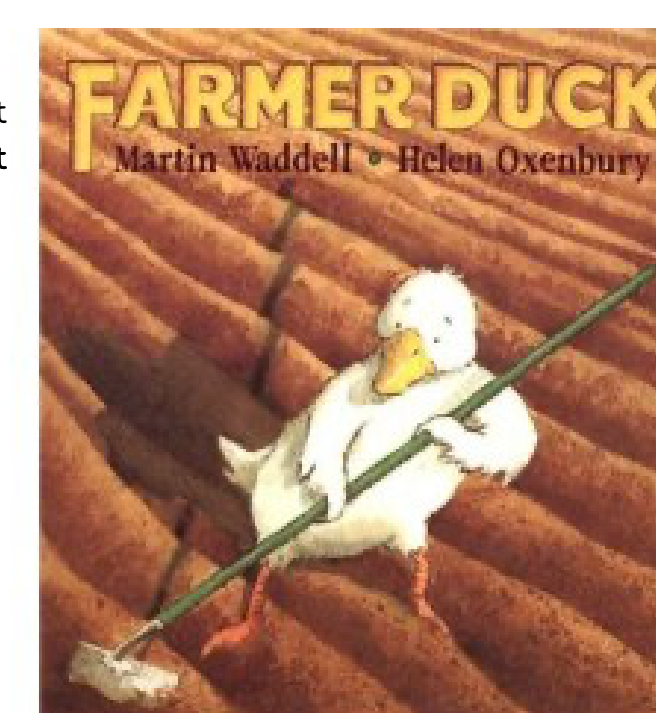
### LITERACY

We are looking at a few different stories to develop our language and comprehension skills. Some of the books we will look at are:

- Farmer Duck
- Handa's Surprise
- Jasper's Beanstalk
- The Very Hungry Caterpillar
- Mr Gumpy's Outing



Your paragraph text  
Your paragraph text



### Religious Education

We are learning about why Easter is an important festival for Christians.

Your paragraph text  
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### MATHS

We are looking at the composition of numbers to 10 - different ways to make those amounts using smaller amounts.

We are learning about spatial reasoning and number patterns beyond 10.

We are learning numbers facts to 5, including addition and subtraction.

Vocabulary: more, less, double, odd, even, 5 frame, 10 frame, pattern, circle, square, triangle, rectangle, curved, straight, sides, corners, subitise, number bonds.

### UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

We are learning how animals grow. We will watch eggs hatch into chicks and talk about what we have observed.

We will be visited by a mobile farm to find out about the animals.

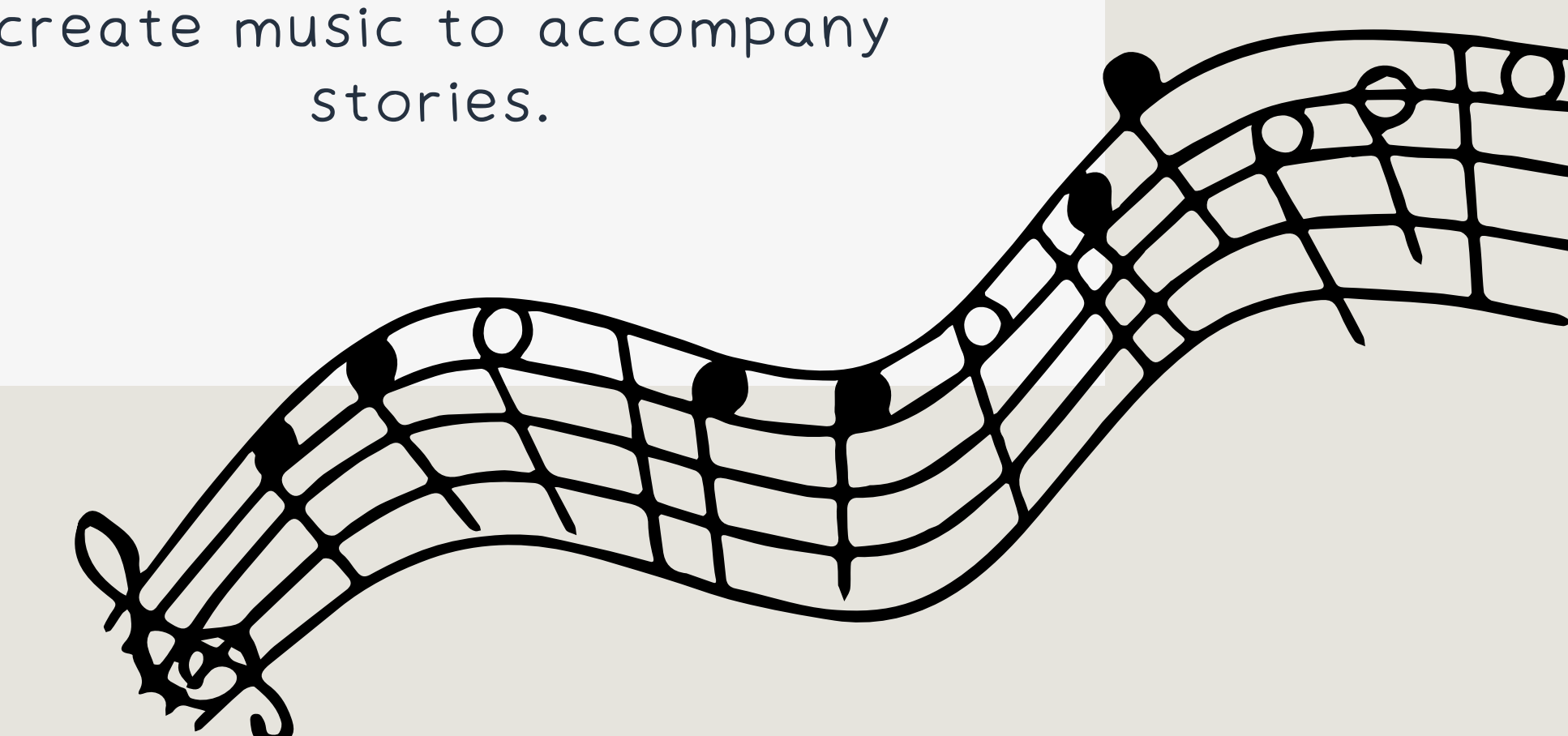
We will visit the beach.

We will also be growing our own sunflowers and learning about how they grow.



### EXPRESSIVE ARTS & DESIGN

We are using the skills we have learnt this year to apply artistic effects to our creations. We are drawing from observation. We are using instruments to create music to accompany stories.



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## Notes for home

Make sure your child wears their PE Kit to school EVERY day, including Velcro trainers, no laces, please. STUD EARRINGS ONLY.

Please check that all uniform is clearly named, including coat and sun hat. Water bottles need to be in school each day with fresh water. No juice thank you.

### Home learning challenges

Try a different one each week.  
We will be sharing these in class fortnightly.

### Phonics

Help your child practise letter formation and saying the letter sound. A new sheet will be sent home when a new letter sound is taught.

### Reading

Listen to your child read their reading book at least 3 times a week and return the book on Mondays.

### Bedtime Books

Share this with your child every night. Make sure you return the books to school so that your child can get another one!

### Learning outside the classroom

We would love to know when your child learns or achieves something outside of school. Feel free to bring it in and share it with the class or email the school to tell us.

### Marvellous Me

Make sure you have downloaded the app and sent the reply slip back to school. Please ask if you need another one. Teachers will issue badges and celebrate the marvellous things your children do through Marvellous Me.



Check your emails regularly for information from school and look on the school Facebook page for updates.



## Key Dates:

### April

Eggs arrive!  
22nd April

Secret Garden visit  
17th April

School closed  
15th April

### May

School closed  
6th May

Secret Garden visit  
1st & 15th May

Half-term, school closed  
27th May - 2nd June

### June

Secret Garden visit  
5th & 19th June

Farm visit to school  
12th June

Class photos  
13th June

Beach trip  
21st June

### July

Sports Day  
3rd July

Secret Garden visit  
17th July

Last day of term  
23rd July