

# Applegarth Primary School



## Curriculum News



Reception Spring 2 2023

Our project this half term is:



In the Ready Steady Grow project your child will take part in practical activities to explore where food comes from. They will learn what seeds and plants need to grow and grow a variety of plants. They will explore what constitutes a healthy lifestyle, including eating fruit and vegetables, exercise and teeth brushing. They will find out about life on a farm and about baby animals.

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**Seed, soil, root, leaves, stalk, grow, sunlight, healthy, unhealthy, diet, vitamin, vegetable, fruit, hydrate, sugar, fat, exercise, heart, baby, calf, kid, chick, lamb, cygnet, puppy, kitten.**

Books we will be reading this half term:



## Reminders

Please ensure **every** item of clothing are labelled with your child's name. It makes it so much easier to return lost items.

### Forest School

**Honeybees** will venture into the wildlife area on **Wednesday** afternoons.

**Bumblebees** will take part in Forest School every **Thursday** afternoon. Please ensure that the right kit is sent in as we would hate for school uniform to get ruined.

### PE

Mrs O'Toole will be teaching PE this half term on a **Monday**. The topic we are covering is: Cooperate and solve problems.

### Ordering Lunch via the School Gateway App



Please select your child's lunch choice for the week (even if you are sending a packed lunch in) as it saves us time on a morning and allows us to maximize our learning time.

### Reading at home

Every time you read with your child at home; whether it is their phonic book, a read to me book or supporting them on Reading Eggs, please write a comment in your child's reading record.

## Exciting visits for this topic

Sharing Learning at home



Seesaw

As part of our learning about food and farming we will be participating in some exciting activities like:

- A visit to Northallerton Auction Mart
- A virtual farm tour of Mrs Burrell's farm
- A virtual farm visit to Miss Stead's farm
- Possibly visiting a dairy farm milk vending machine.
- Visits to Northallerton's secret garden and community garden.
- A shopping trip to buy fruit and vegetables from the market.

The children have been talking about their achievements outside of school (dance classes and swimming badges) and we would love to celebrate these achievements in school as well. Our learning journals are intended to be a collaboration between families and teachers as the children continue on their learning journeys. Please post any achievements that happen at home so we can share the success with peers.

## Donations please

We like our children to experience real life resources rather than using plastic resources so we are therefore asking for donations to help us create a farm shop, kitchen and garden centre and resources to help us grow plants in our polytunnel. Things like seeds, compost, plant pots, trowels and spades along with fruit and vegetables to stock our farm shop would be greatly appreciated.

## Parents Evening

Parents Evening is on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March and Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March.**

Booking system opens on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March.**

## Miss Stead

Miss Stead has been teaching Bumblebees on a Friday but she will now be teaching Honeybees on a Friday.

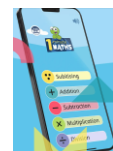
# Homework in Reception

**Collins** ebooks



Reading decodable books at least 3 times. A physical copy of the book will be sent home along with access to the eBook version.

Children can work their way through phonic related games. If they complete the map they will receive a certificate.



White Rose 1- Minute Maths app. Children can practise their maths skills on this fun app.