

Welcome to Reception

Miss Lock/Mrs Wyatt/Mrs Johnson

February – April 2025



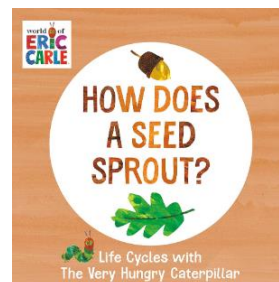
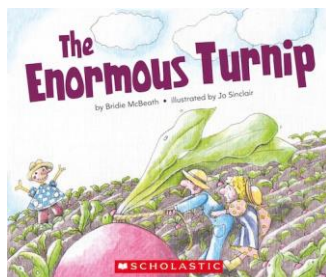
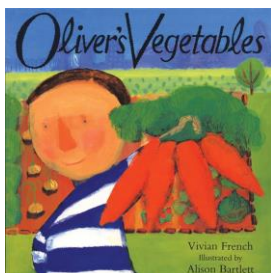
We hope that you all had a restful and happy break. We have been very excited to see all of the children; they always work so hard! They have made us so proud with the way that they have settled straight back into our school routines.

We had so much fun exploring our 'Winter' unit last half term. The snow at the beginning of the year was a great introduction and we all enjoyed investigating the ice and looking for more signs of winter, such as noticing that some of the trees have lost all of their leaves. We have enjoyed learning about cold places around the world such as Antarctica. The children showed a keen interest in the animals that lived in Antarctica and enjoyed learning all about penguins!



This half term, our theme will be '**growing**'. The children will start by exploring the texture of different vegetables as well as learn why we eat vegetables and where they come from. We will then move onto learning about what plants need to grow healthy and strong. The children will also have the opportunity to plant seeds, look after them and observe them grow over time!

To support our learning, we will be reading a range of books such as, Oliver's Vegetables, The Enormous Turnip and How does a seed sprout? We will also have books within our exploration area for the children to explore.



Reading & Phonics:

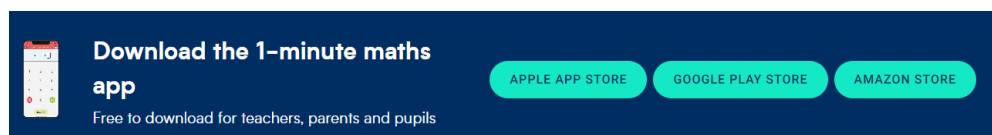
This half term, the children will continue to follow the Read, Write, Inc Phonics scheme. As well as learning new sounds, they will recap the sounds they have already learnt to become confident when blending them together to read words.

This term we will be using the skills we have learnt in phonics to listen for sounds in words and to write labels, captions and short sentences all about vegetables and growing. This will then lead into learning about story characters and settings from The Enormous Turnip. The children will develop a deep understanding of the story through drama. They will also compose their own captions linked to the story.

Maths:

In Maths, the children will continue to develop a deeper understanding of numbers within 10, with a big focus on number 9 and number 10. The children will explore how each number is made up of two parts. We will also continue to use part whole models and addition sentences to record number bonds within 10. If you would like to practice maths at home, White Rose Maths have developed a game that can be played on devices to support the

subitising skills called '1 minute maths app'. You can find the 1-minute maths app that is free to download for teachers, parents and pupils here – <https://whiteroseeducation.com/1-minute-maths#download>



At Little London we use Tapestry and Class Dojo to share your child's learning with you. We also post some helpful videos and messages that will support your child with their learning at home. Don't forget to 'like' the posts we share with you to help us see you have read it!

Please can we remind you to log into these apps regularly to keep up to date with what your child is doing at school. If you need any support doing this, please speak to your class teacher.

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to talk to us at the end of the day or get in touch by phone or email.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing your child continue to flourish at Little London Academy.

Many thanks,
The Reception Team

Important Dates:

PE day – Wednesday every week, please send your child to school with their PE kit to change into

Monday 24th February - return to school

Friday 4th April - break up for half term holiday



You can help by:

Reading with them each day, as well as asking questions about the book

Talking with them as you walk to and from school and visit places.

Looking at Tapestry and Class Dojo regularly, as we will be sharing what we have been learning in class and how you can help at home.