

## Butterfly Class Term 4 Newsletter



### **Dates for your diary:**

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February -  
Term 4 Starts

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March -  
World Book Day  
'You are a Reader'

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March -  
Mother's Day Event

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March -  
Red Nose Day

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March -  
Class Photos

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March -  
Challenge Day

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March -  
Easter Service

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March -  
Non-Uniform Day (£1)/  
Homework WOW Day/  
Last Day of Term 4

Dear Parents and  
Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely half  
term break and the children are excited  
to start our new Topic of 'Ready, Steady,  
Grow!'.  
As the weather gets better and we begin to move  
into Spring, I'm looking forward to having the  
children outside more often to explore signs of  
Spring and changes in nature around them.

Our topic for this term is 'Ready, Steady, Grow!'.  
This means the children will be investigating life on  
the farm such as where our food comes from, what  
we can eat to stay healthy, and what a plant needs to  
grow. Additionally, we will also be exploring the  
signs of Spring around us – linking it to our science  
work on basic lifecycles and naming the new baby  
animals that are born (lamb, calf, tadpole, etc).

As part of this Topic, we will be reading texts such  
as 'The Gigantic Turnip' by Aleksei Tolstoy, 'Jack  
and the Beanstalk' by Iona Treahy, 'Handa's  
Surprise' by Eileen Browne, and 'Rosie's Walk' by  
Pat Hutchins.

In Phonics this term, the key focus will be on learning the remainder of the  
Phase Three sounds – including some digraphs and trigraphs. The children will  
also be encouraged to show increased perseverance when writing CVC words  
containing these sounds – aiming to do with almost full independence.

Below is a polite reminder of all the information regarding the issuing of reading and home learning books.

**Butterfly Class will be having PE on a Monday and Tuesday morning this term.** Please ensure that your child's PE Kit is in school on the relevant day and that their name is written on their kit.

### *Reading Books*

**Reading books are issued on a Tuesday and are to be returned on that Friday so that they can be changed.** Please ensure that you write a comment in your child's reading record before you return the books so that they can be changed and we can see how they are progressing at home.

### *Home Learning Books*

Home learning books will be **given out on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February.** These will contain a grid of activities with the child selecting one activity for each week (6 activities total). **An image of the completed activity then needs be emailed to the class teacher by the following Friday at c.hughes@teynham.kent.sch.uk.**

At the end of the term, children are free to bring in their homework as part of our **'Homework WOW Day' on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the class teacher via email at c.hughes@teynham.kent.sch.uk.

Thank you again for all your continued support so far this academic year :)

Miss Hughes and Miss Brown