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### Nursery

This week in Nursery we have begun our new topic 'Growing'. We have been reading a book called 'Do You Know Which One Will Grow?' which looks at things that grow and things that don't grow. The children have been thinking about lots of things that grow and we have had a discussion about why chairs don't grow! We have started this topic by looking closely at seeds and plants, as well as mini-beasts, which the children have particularly enjoyed. They have been thinking carefully about how to describe what they can see and counting petals on flowers and legs on the mini-beasts. Next week we are going to be planting lots of our own seeds.



### Reception

Welcome back! We have been hit hard by chicken pox over the holiday and this week, so we wish all those suffering a quick recovery.

We have started our new topic **Castles and Dragons**. We have read Zog by Julia Donaldson this week and talked about the characteristics of princesses and dragons. We have made our own junk model dragons and wooden spoon princesses and knights. It is wonderful to see the children's creative and fine motor skills really developing.

We have also started writing our own stories about princesses and dragons. We are learning to use a capital letter at the beginning of the sentence and a full stop at the end.

In Phonics we have revised our double consonant sounds, e.g. ll (bell), ss (miss), ff (puff) and zz (buzz). We have practised using these spellings when writing.

In Maths we have been adding two groups of objects by counting them. The children are starting to use their number bond facts which make adding much easier.



**Please note:**

We have started our PE lessons again this week. Could you please ensure that your child has his/her PE kit in school.

We are also starting to do some PE lessons outside. If you would like your child to wear leggings or jogging bottoms rather than shorts, please bring these in. They can be kept in your child's PE kit.

For those who wear tights on PE day, could you please provide a pair of socks that can be worn with the plimsols. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend.

