



# Orchard Nursery - Spring 2 Newsletter.

## Blackthorn Primary School

Welcome back! This term children will have the opportunity to participate in many different spring activities linked to growing. In this topic the children will learn about how to care for plants to help them grow. The children will learn the different parts of a plant. We will explore the changes in the seasons, and observe new plant life such as daffodils. We will read a range of stories linked to growing.

We will continue to encourage children to use their independence skills, including putting their coat on and taking it off, selecting resources for their play and tidying up after they have completed their task.

Children will be tuning into environmental sounds and developing their oral blending and segmenting skills.

### Physical Development

Children will continue to practice their fine motor skills, using pencils, scissors, and other one-handed tools with good control. They will be learning to hold a pencil correctly and use it to begin to form letters. Please see below the stages of pencil control:

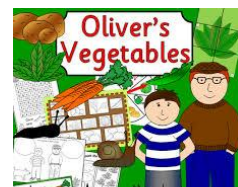
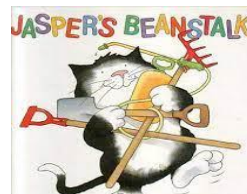


### Class Dojo

Please regularly look at the Nursery class page on the Class Dojo for updates, information, and photographs of the exciting things that we have been doing in Nursery.

### Literacy

This half term we will be focusing on gardening and planting. Our focus stories will include, 'Jasper's Beanstalk' and 'Oliver's Vegetables', among other books related to 'growth' read during the term. We will encourage children to give meaning to the marks they make and try to write some familiar letters and sounds. We will also practise recognising and writing our names.



### Mathematics

Children will continue to explore numbers up to 5 and beyond;

- Subitise, recognise and represent numbers in a variety of different ways, including recognising the numerals.
- Continue to use the language of size, shape, and time linked to our topic.



### Lunch Club

We are offering an additional lunch club, Monday to Friday 11.30-12.30pm for £3.50 a session. These sessions need to be booked and paid for in advance.

Don't forget you can order a hot lunch for your child. These meals are cooked fresh on site in the main school. Please speak to the school office if you are interested in ordering hot dinners for your child.