



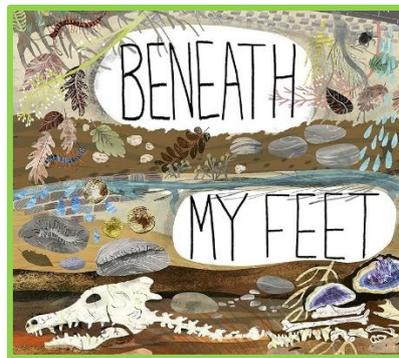
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope children are all feeling well rested as we move towards the end of the half-term break and that they are looking forward to everything we have in store for the term ahead. We are officially halfway through the year now, and the children have learnt so much already!

This half-term, our new topic is:

### **Beneath my Feet**



During this topic we will be looking at growth in plants, animals and people. We will find out about how plants grow and even grow some of our own! As well as this, we will look at the life cycle of a frog and have frogspawn in class to observe the changes for ourselves. We also have a very exciting trip to a farm lined up, where we will hopefully get to see some lambs being born and find out about the different foods that can be grown and sold in the supermarkets. More information about this trip will follow soon.

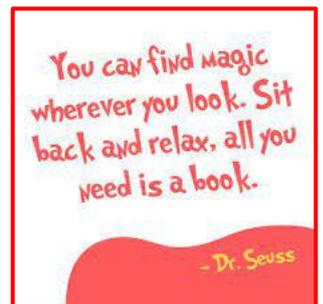
If you want to take part in our topic at home, you could:

- Look at photos of yourself as a baby. What can you do now that you couldn't do then?
- Plant a seed and watch it grow.
- Go on a walk and look out for new life. Can you spot any baby animals?



### Boom Reader

It is so important to inspire a love of reading from a young age, and reading with your child at home is a great way to support this. Remember that children's story books are changed as often as they are needed to expose children to new vocabulary and stories. Reading books are changed on a Tuesday and Friday to support speed, fluency and comprehension. Please hear your child read as often as possible and record it on Boom Reader. Our school expectation in each year group is that children read a minimum of 4 times a week at home. During Reception and Year 1, we strongly encourage you to find 5 minutes to read with your child every day – it makes a huge difference to their early reading foundations. If you need any help accessing Boom Reader, or with engaging your child with reading at home, please do let me know.



### Numbots

Reception are really enjoying their time on Numbots with their Year 6 buddies and are showing such great speed and confidence with their maths now. Please continue to spend some time on Numbots as often as possible (it only needs to be for 5 minutes each time) as it is a quick, easy, and fun way to support early maths at home!



### PE and Forest School

PE will continue to be on **Mondays**, and Forest School will continue to be on **Tuesdays**. Please ensure that children come into school wearing weather appropriate clothes. As the weather remains cold, I would like to encourage children to keep wearing layers for Forest School. Please remind children to bring in hats, scarves and gloves so that we can make the most of the outdoors in all weathers.

**Events to look forward to:**

- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Crafternoon (Parents welcome)
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March – Parents' Evening.
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Trip to Lambing Live.



*(Information for all above to follow in upcoming letters)*

I am also delighted to welcome Mrs Peace to the Reception team from Monday. She has passed along her excitement in getting to know everyone, and is looking forward to getting to know our pupils and families in the coming weeks.

As always, if you have any questions, then please don't hesitate to get in touch.

I look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Perrin".

Mrs Perrin

Reception Class Teacher