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Church of England School

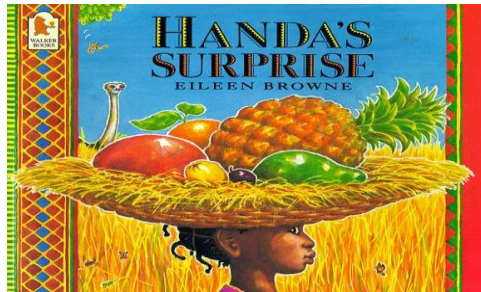
# Holly Class/Reception Spring 1 - Newsletter



In English and Mathematics this half term we are learning about:

## English:

- Information books: food, exercise, hygiene.
- Stories relating to the topic: Handa's Surprise, The very Hungry Caterpillar, The Selfish Crocodile.
- Letters & Sounds - Alliteration (Beginning sounds of fruit and vegetables).
- Exploring packaging, logo's and signs.
- Drawing fruit/vegetables.
- Labelling body parts - learning new words.
- To create a list of resources they need to put into a fruit salad/wrap.



## Mathematics:

- Our favourite vegetables/fruit tally charts.
- Create 'pattern fruit kebabs'.
- Orders and sequences familiar events- To order pictures or to create their own for: washing hands, getting dressed and brushing teeth.
- Begin to use the mathematical names for 2D shapes- To compare fruit and vegetables to 2D shapes
- To order items by length, weight, height and capacity- To compare fruit and vegetables.
- Making fruit and veg print patterns
- Using Picnic baskets to sort healthy and unhealthy foods
- Following recipes on how to make a smoothie/fruit salad
- Counting our body parts



## Ways to help your child at home:

- Read with your child every day - enjoy a book, magazine, newspaper article, internet info etc.
- Encourage and support homework projects/tasks - enjoy learning together!
- Encourage self-help skills, e.g. getting dressed/undressed, brushing teeth, using cutlery.

## Theme for this half term: **Keeping Healthy:**

**Topic 1** Healthy/ unhealthy food and the effects different types of food can have on our bodies.

**Topic 2** The importance of exercise and how our bodies react to this.

**Topic 3** How to keep our bodies clean and stop germs from spreading.

## Dates and reminders for your diary:

### **Dates:**

04.01.2018 - Children return to school

12.02.2018 - Parents Evening.

13.02.2018 - Parents Evening.

16.02.2018 - Finish for Half Term.

### **Reminders:**

If your child is **absent from school**, please phone the office on the first day of his/her absence: 01942 703952.

PE is on Tuesday (pumps can stay in school for the half term).

Creative Curriculum Homework will be handed out at the start of the new half term, to be handed in every Friday.

**Thank you for supporting your child's learning journey!**