

**Our focus this week:-** We will be talking about what a seed needs to grow and planting seeds in different conditions to make predictions and test our theories. We will be discussing the NSPCC's Underwear Rule, please see below.

**Maths:-** We will be continuing to learn about taking away in practical activities. We will be using the vocabulary **take away, subtract** and **how many left?** We will be playing skittles and games to encourage the use of the vocabulary.

**Literacy:-** We will be using our segmenting skills in our small world and role play areas to labels, signs, and to make books. We will be telling stories using our small world and role play areas.

**Phonics:-** In phonics we will be starting work on phase 4 which incorporates phase 2 and phase 3 phonemes, digraphs and trigraphs which we have already learnt. We will continue to practise the tricky words: **I, no, go, to, the, he, she, we, be, me, you, they, all, was, my, they, said, so.** We will be introducing reading the new tricky words **have** and **like**. We will also be learning about the **vowels** of the alphabet.

**At home you could:-** Talk to your child about the NSPCC PANTS Rule. Encourage your child to look at plants and flowers growing around them in gardens and at the park. Talk to them about the types of plants or flowers that they see, for example: naming different trees, identifying trees by their leaves, naming different types of flowers. You could research some interesting plants and flowers on the internet to bring in and show to the class.

### **NEWSFLASH:**

While Mrs Wellard is on maternity leave Mrs Fitzgerald will be taking on the Special Needs Coordinator role. Full details of how to get in touch with her will be on the school website.

Please see the link below for to the new E-Safety page on our website:

<https://www.manbylodge.co.uk/online-safety/>

Thank you  
The Reception Team

# NSPCC

This week we will be discussing the NSPCC's Underwear Rule. This is designed to teach pupils how to stay safe from sexual abuse, without giving explicit information or telling scary stories or even using the term "sexual abuse". In our discussions the children will learn about the PANTS acrostic:

- **P**rivates are private
- **A**lways remember your body belongs to you
- **N**o means no
- **T**alk about secrets that upset you
- **S**peak up, someone can help

More information about the Underwear Rule, including a short film and parent guide can be found at:

[nspcc.org.uk/underwearrule](https://nspcc.org.uk/underwearrule).

Please speak to one of the Reception Class Team if you have any further questions.