

Our topic is Let's Get Growing!! We will look at how we have grown. We will name animals, male and females and their young. Use the internet to look at pictures and find information.

Go for a spring walk together and discuss the signs of spring all around. In our class garden centre, we will explore plants and find out what they need to grow. We will be planting seeds in our school's polytunnel e.g., lettuce, tomatoes and strawberry and we will monitor how they grow throughout the next few months. Try to visit a garden centre so your child can experience it first-hand.



### Maths

Count to 100. Practise writing numbers to 50 correctly. Look for numbers all around. Continue to count in 2's, 5's and 10's. Add doubles to 20 and discuss what half of the number is e.g. double 1 is 2. Half 2 is 1.

Your child is exploring number stories, continue to learn these as part of their homework. You can also find this information at the back of their homework diary.

We will be investigating length. Use language like short and long, tall and small with your child. Play a measures game e.g., Find something shorter than your pencil. Name me something longer than a book.

The school will be closed on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> and Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March for St. Patrick's Day. Children can wear green clothes to school on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March. We ask for a £1 donation for Trocaire.



Reading stories with your child is very enjoyable and worthwhile.

Please try to read a story as part of your child's bedtime routine.



Easter holidays will begin on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April and children will return to school on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April. Happy Easter everyone!



## Year 2

## March/April

### Literacy

Continue to encourage your child to listen to words and to try to spell them. Try to build up word families e.g. pen, ten, men. Using the Jolly Phonics scheme we are exploring the different ways of writing a sound e.g. air, are, ear. Investigate rhyming words. Listen to the Jolly Phonics Phase 3 and 4 songs on YouTube and look out for these sounds in keywords. Please continue to learn your keywords and spellings each night.

### Steelstown's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

We are celebrating our school's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April with a whole School 'Show' at Shantallow Community Centre (more details to follow.)