



Reception Weekly Focus

Week Beginning: 9th March 2026

Come and take a peek in our classroom from Monday afternoon onwards, as we have a very special delivery due. I am sure that the children will enjoy telling you all about it.

Our topic this half term is *Growing*. This week we will be focusing on animals growing and changing, with a focus on the questions - what do animals need? What are their babies called?

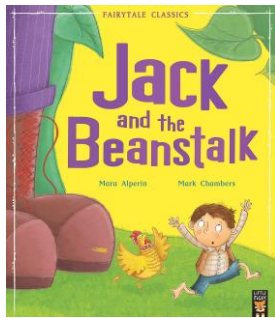
You are invited to join our Lent stay and Pray for Nursery and Reception this afternoon at 2:45 in the hall.

Focus words this week: *Lent, Prepare, Temptation, feast*

Talk about the words and what they mean. Can you use these words within a sentence throughout the week?

Focus Story:

Jack and the
Beanstalk



Maths Focus: Number



Sing number rhymes and answer questions (similar to maths workshop activity)

Challenge - write the matching number sentence.

There are two ducks left, how many have gone?



Rhyme of the Week:

Little duckling, soft and yellow,
Waddle, waddle, happy fellow.
Down to the water, splash,
 splash, splash,
Then home again in a flash!
 Quack, quack!

Story Time

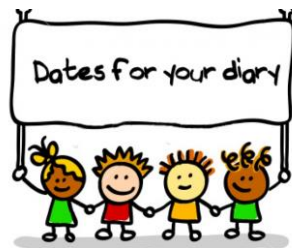
Reading books will be changed throughout the week.

1000 story books will be changed on
Mondays this half term.



This week the children will:

- Think about all of the things that grow around us.
- Noticing the changes and growth already happening around us in our Garden
- Enjoy naming and looking at the plants we can see outside.
- Play in our new Garden centre.
- Finding out the names of some plants and trees
- Planting beans
- Practising making 5 and a bit with numbers to 10.
- Exploring composition of 7
- Learn to retell the story 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and draw a story map of the story.
- Sand writing for formation practise
- Daily writing challenges introduced in place of name writing.
- Each day we will practise reading and writing during phonics lessons.



Wednesday 4th March One Life Music Whole School Lent Retreat Day

Thursday 5th March World Book Day! Children come to school wearing pyjamas!

Thursday 5th March School Nurses Parent workshop at 9am – Fussy Eating

Monday 9th March 'Lent Stay & Pray' for Parents / Carers of Nursery & Reception at 2.45pm

Tuesday 10th March Parents Evening - Appointments with class teachers from 2pm – 6pm.

Wednesday 11th March 'The Animal Man' will be in school

Thursday 19th March St Joseph's Feast Day celebrations

Thursday 19th March School Nurses Parent workshop at 9am – Toileting support

Saturday 21st March Family Mass at St Joseph's, Darlaston at 4pm –All welcome

Monday 23rd March Reception Class eye tests

Friday 27th March Easter Culture Day in school – dress in cultural clothes to celebrate your heritage or identity.

Friday 27th March Break up for Easter

Monday 30th March –Friday 10th April School Closed for Easter Holidays

Monday 13th April School re-opens for the Summer Term