



Reception Weekly Focus

Week Beginning: 2nd March 2026

This week we have a retreat day in school with Dan and Emily, thinking about this important season of Lent. We also have world book day on Thursday - don't forget to send the children in their pyjamas!

Our topic this half term is *Growing*. This week we will be focusing on animals growing and changing, with a focus on the question - what do their babies look like? We will be getting a special visit on Wednesday of next week from the Farm on Wheels to support our learning too.

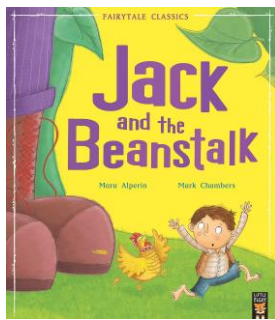
We will be reading the story 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and learning to retell the story with actions as well as some role play activities.

Focus words this week: *petal, root, stem, leaf, soil*

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



Children will be developing their understanding of one more and one less and where they fit into the counting pattern this week.

Practise writing numbers to 10 and counting beyond 20 this week to spot the number pattern



Rhyme of the Week:

Flowers

*A little garden flower laying in its bed,
A warm spring sun shining overhead,
Down come the raindrops dancing to and fro,
The little flower wakens, then begins to grow*

Story Time

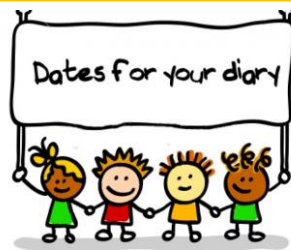
Reading books will be changed throughout the week.

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 on a nature walk.
- Enjoy naming and looking at the plants we can see outside.
- Play in our new Garden centre.
- Practising making 5 and a bit with numbers to 10.
- Learn to retell the story 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and draw a story map of the story.
- Sorting beans with tweezers to help strengthen our fingers for writing.
- Daily writing challenges introduced in place of name writing.
- Noticing, watching and learning about our wonderful ducks
- Giving the ducks names
- Keeping a diary of our new visitors
- 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