



Reception Weekly Focus

Week Beginning: 23rd February 2026

Welcome to a new half term. We are looking forward to starting a new and exciting topic with the children and have lots of special events planned.

Our new topic is Growing. This week we will be focusing on growing, with a focus on the question - what grows? We will be getting a special delivery in a couple of weeks so keep your eyes open for the posters going up in our cloakroom. It will be a wonderful surprise for the children.

We will be reading the story 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and learning to retell the story with actions.

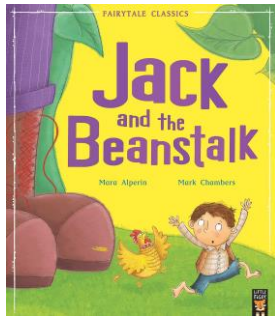
In RE our new topic will be Lent. We begin by looking at the colour change in our prayer areas and ways that we can pray and follow Jesus during Lent.

Focus words this week: *Growth, growing, planting*

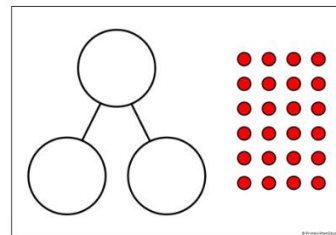
Talk about the words and what they mean. Can you use these words within a sentence throughout the week?

Focus Story:

Jack and the
Beanstalk



Maths Focus: Pattern



Children will be developing number sense by finding a number within another number to 10. They will be learning how to use a part, part, whole model to add and to split numbers.

Practise quick recall of number bonds to five with your child.



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

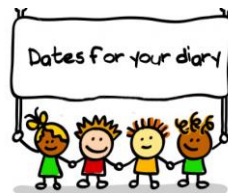
Reading books will be changed throughout the week.

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.
- Begin to help set up our new Garden centre.
- Paint pictures and draw what might be about to hatch in our classroom.
- Learning about part part whole models in our maths work
- 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 new delivery ****
- Keeping a diary of our new visitors**
- Each day we will practise reading and writing during phonics lessons.



Monday 23rd February School re-opens.

Wednesday 25th February Baptism Information Coffee Morning – 9am in the school hall

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