



Reception Weekly Focus

Week Beginning: 19th February 2024

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 plants. We will be looking at how plants grow and starting to think about the important things that they need. We will be asking the question - are plants alive? We will be reading the story 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and learning to retell the story with actions. We will plant our own beans and watch them grow over the next few weeks.

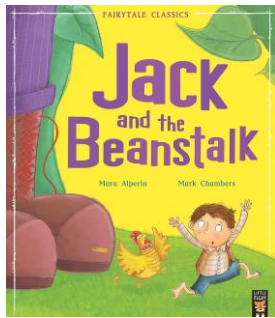
On Wednesday, we will begin to learn about Lent by placing a purple cloth on our prayer altar.

Focus words this week: Leaves, Stem, Lent, Roots, Seeds

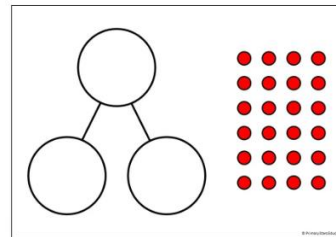
Talk about the words and what they mean. Can you use these words within a sentence throughout the week?

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

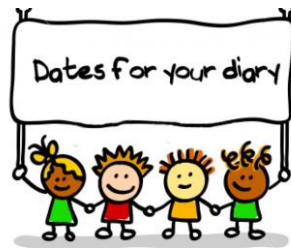
Reading books will be changed throughout the week.

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



This week the children will:

- Learn about how plants grow.
- Explore where seeds and beans come from by looking at fruits and vegetables .
- Plant beans to grow our own beanstalks.
- Noticing the changes and growth already happening around us on a nature walk.
- Enjoy naming and looking at the plants we can see.
- Play in our new Garden centre role play area.
- Paint pictures and draw by looking at real plants and flowers.
- Learning about part part whole models in our maths work
- Adding numbers and finding number pairs
- 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.
- Each day we will practise reading and writing during phonics lessons.



Monday 19th February School re-opens.

Tuesday 22nd February Choir perform at Young Voices at Resorts World Arena, Birmingham.

Wednesday 28th February Parents Evening Appointments with Teachers for all classes between 2pm – 6pm.

Friday 8th March World Book Day – children come to school in pyjamas.