



Thank you all to the parents, grandparents and siblings who joined Nursery for the Chinese New Year Workshop, we hope you enjoyed yourselves. We know the children enjoyed having you with us.

We look forward to seeing you all at parents evening on Wednesday, if you haven't already booked a slot, then please contact the office so that you can.

In Literacy this week, we will continue with our text, 'Jasper's Beanstalk'. We will use role play to help us learn the story. We will carry on exploring some of the new language in the book, with a particular focus on the verbs to describe Jasper's actions, we will map out the story in groups on large paper and we will also innovate the story using a mini diary.

In Maths this week, we will continue practising our counting skills up to 5, we will practice writing the number 1, 2 3, 4 and 5. We will also practice again subitising to the 3.

In RE, we will continue with our unit 'Lent - Jesus & His Father'. We will learn about the importance of saying sorry and when we can be helpful. **With your child, think about times when you and they have needed to say sorry. Talk about how your child can be helpful around the house. .**

In Understanding the World, we will begin our new topic of 'Spring' and we will go on a nature walk to explore what is happening in nature, now that Spring is starting.

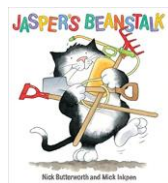
In Expressive Arts & Design, we will explore the rainbow and its different colours.

Focus words this week: **planted, watered, sorry, waited, dig**

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

Focus Story:

Jasper's
Beanstalk

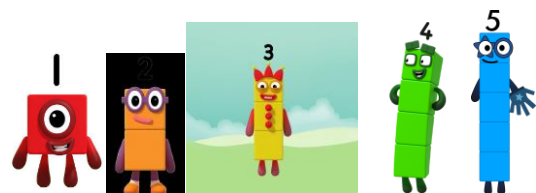


Rhyme of the week

5 Little Bunnies

Five little bunnies in the flowerbed
One hopped up and bumped his
head
Mummy came a hopping
And Mummy bunny said
No more bunnies hopping in the
flowerbed
(REPEAT with four, three, two, one.....)
Let's go and find some radishes
instead!

Maths Focus: Numbers to 5 and subitising to 3



Can you practice counting to 5?
Can you count 5 objects, pointing to
each object as you count?
Can you see a set of objects/toys and
know how many are there?
Can an adult hold up 1, 2 or 3 fingers
and you spot straight away the total?

Home Readers

As you will have noticed, each of your children brought home a 'home reader' book. These are for you to read with your child and develop an enjoyment and excitement for reading.

You can change these books whenever you are ready too.

Morning parents: In the morning, when you drop your child off, there is a bookcase in the cloakroom, this is where the home readers are kept, please, return and collect a new one when you need too.

Afternoon parents: At the end of the day, when you collect your child off, there is a bookcase in the cloakroom, this is where the home readers are kept, please, return and collect a new one when you need too.

Nursery Staffing Arrangements

The Nursery class is being taught by a Nursery Team of staff: Mrs Bamforth, Mrs Evans (Teacher) and Mrs Machin (Teaching Assistant).

If you have any concerns, please contact Mrs Hannett.

Story Time

Reading books will be changed on a Monday.

Please send your child's book bag into school each day with their planner and reading book.

Please ensure the planner is signed to show that you have read with your child. Thank you.

This week the children will:

- Continue to practice our counting daily, numbers up to 16, when we count the children in class.
- We will read the story 'Jasper's Beanstalk'.
- We will learn to retell the story through actions and role play.
- We will retell the story through story mapping.
- We will innovate the story through a mini diary.
- We will practice counting to 5, through nursery rhymes such as 'Five Currant Buns'
- We will practice subitising to 3.
- Practice writing some pre-writing shapes and our names.
- We will go on a nature walk.
- We will make a bird feeder.
- We will paint sunflowers.
- Practising using our manners, saying 'Yes please', and 'No thank you' during snack time.
- We will learn to use 1p to pay for our snack at snack time.
- Practising taking turns and sharing during our guided play.
- We will role play in a Garden Centre.
- We will learn about Lent.
- We will learn about the importance of saying sorry.
- We will also continue to learn our daily prayers.

Important dates

Wednesday 28th February - Parents Evening - If you haven't booked a time, please contact the school office.

Tuesday 5th March - New date for our visit (with the Reception class) to our local church, St Joseph's to meet Fr Craig and learn about Baptism. If any parents/grandparents or siblings would like to help us walk the children there and back, please speak to a member of staff. We will be leaving school at approximately 10.00am and will return no later than 11.15. If you normally attend Nursery in the afternoon, you can swap.

Friday 8th March - World Book Day

Friday 15th March - Farm on Wheels visiting school

Saturday 16th March - Mass at St Joseph's, Darlaston, 4pm. All welcome, please come and support the children who will help with the readings.

Tuesday 19th March - St Joseph's Feast Day

Thursday 21st March - One Life Music, whole school retreat

EASTER BREAK - Monday 25th March - Friday 5th April