



We hope you have all had a great half term, had lots of fun and rest. The nursery team look forward to seeing all the children again and meeting some new members of our class.

In Literacy this week, we will begin our new 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 the Jasper's actions, we will also retell 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 learn different 2D shapes.

In RE, we will begin our new unit 'Lent - Jesus & His Father'. We will learn about some of the things we do during Lent and the importance of the colour purple. **With your child, think about something you can do to help the needy during this season of Lent.**

In Understanding the World, we will complete our topic of 'Chinese New Year' and we will recap the story of the zodiac and learn why dragons are important to chinese culture. We will also have our parent workshop on the 22nd February.

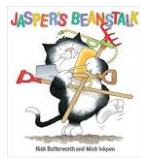
In Expressive Arts & Design, we will create handprint dragons.

Focus words this week: **beanstalk, counting, Lent, Chinese New Year, shape**

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

Baa Baa Black Sheep

Baa, baa, black sheep,

Have you any wool?

Yes sir, yes sir,

Three bags full.

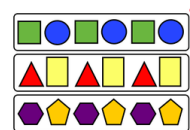
One for the master,

One for the dame,

And one for the little boy

Who lives down the lane.

Maths Focus: Numbers to 5, colours and shapes



Can you practice counting to 5?

Can you see a set of objects/toys and know how many are there?

Can you name different shapes?

Can you find any shapes around your house?

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.

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.

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.

This week the children will:

- Continue to practice our counting daily, numbers up to 13, 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 a mini diary.
- We will practice counting to 5, through nursery rhymes such as 'Five little ducks'
- We will learn different shapes, including, circle, triangle, square, rectangle, pentagon and hexagon.
- Practice writing some pre-writing shapes and our names.
- We will learn about Chinese New Year and why dragon are important.
- We will make Chinese Handprint Dragons.
- We will have our Chinese New Year parent workshop, where we will: Food Tasting - Prawn Crackers, Noodles, Rice, Fortune Cookies, Soy Sauce, Sweet & Sour, orange, satsuma, tangerine, Chinese Number Writing, Chinese New Year Story Retell, Chinese New Year Restaurant, watered down red & yellow paint with glitter, children to paint on large pieces of paper, Lucky Red Playdough, Red Envelopes and Coins, Paper Chain Dragon, Flowers and magnifying glasses, Black rice for Chinese symbol mark making and Chinese Animal Masks.
- 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 learn about Lent.
- We will learn about the colour purple.
- We will also continue to learn our daily prayers.
- We will build dens in our role play area.

Important dates

Monday 19th February - Children return back to school.

Thursday 22nd February - Parents Chinese New Year Workshop, 9:00-10:15am for the morning parents and 2:00-3:15pm for the afternoon parents. All welcome to join your children see some of their learning.

Saturday 24th February - Mass at St Joseph's, Darlaston, 4pm. All welcome, please come and support the children who will help with the readings.

Wednesday 28th February - Parents Evening - Booking slots being sent out this week. (05.02.24)

Thursday 29th February - Visit (with the Reception class) to our local church, St Joseph's to meet Fr Craig and learn about Baptism. If any parents 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 10.15 and will return no later than 11.45 - **This has had to be rescheduled, new date will be text out to parents as soon as we have it and added to the next parent focus. Please watch out for the new date.**

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