



Reception Weekly Focus

Week Beginning: 24th February 2025

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 on Tuesday 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.

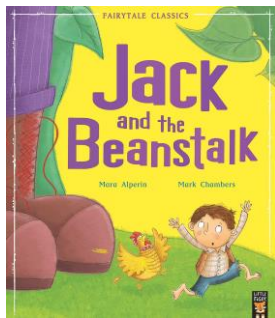
On Thursday we will be walking down to church to visit Father Craig and learn more about baptism to complete our topic. **If you would like to join us for the walk up to church- let Mrs Corfield know if you would be free to come along at 9am.**

Focus words this week: Hatching, delicate, incubator, brooder

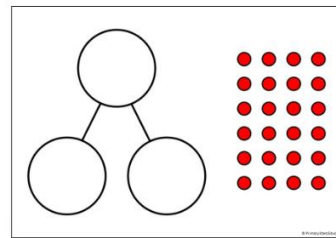
Talk about the words and what they mean. Can you use these words within a sentence throughout the week?

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 awakens, then begins to grow*

Story Time

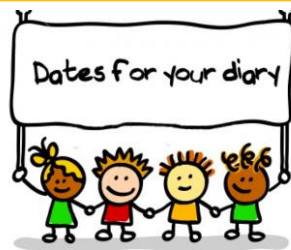
Reading books will be changed throughout the week.

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.



Tuesday 25th February - Eggs arrive in N and YR

Thursday 27th February - N and YR visit church (baptism)

Wednesday 12th February - Farm on wheels comes to visit YR

Thursday 6th March – world Book Day – Come dressed in pyjamas.

Wednesday 19th March – St Joseph's Feast Day! Drama Workshops, crafts & treats