



## Reception Weekly Focus

Week Beginning: 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025

Our ducklings hatched last week and will be spending this week with us. We have enjoyed watching them grow and change. They are almost ready for their first paddle now too.

Our topic this half term is Growing. This week we will be focusing on animals growing and changing, with a focus on the question - what do their babies look like? We will be getting a special visit on Wednesday of next week from the Farm on Wheels to support our learning too.

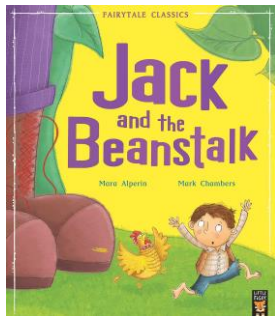
We will be reading the story 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and learning to retell the story with actions as well as some role play activities.

**Focus words this week:** bill, waddle, waterproof, paddle

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



### 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*

### Maths Focus: Number



Children will be developing their understanding of one more and one less and where they fit into the counting pattern this week.

**Practise writing numbers to 10 and counting beyond 20 this week to spot the number pattern**

### Story Time

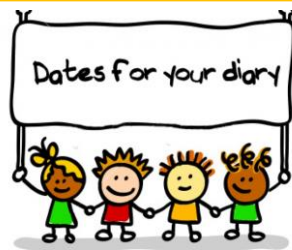
Reading books will be changed throughout the week.

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 outside.
- Play in our new Garden centre.
- 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 wonderful ducks
- Giving the ducks names
- Keeping a diary of our new visitors
- Each day we will practise reading and writing during phonics lessons.



Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March - Chicks and Ducks go back to the farm ☹

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March – world Book Day – Come dressed in pyjamas.

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March - Farm on wheels comes to visit YR

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