



We all hope that you had an enjoyable and restful half term break. We are looking forward to welcoming all the children back for the second half of the Spring term.

Thank you to all the parents who came to our Chinese New Year Workshop, we hope you enjoyed it and found it useful. If you missed that one, there will be other opportunities coming up to join your child in class and see some of the things we do in Nursery.

This week, we will begin our new theme of 'Spring'. In our Literacy and Communication & Language: We will: read and learn our new book 'Jasper's Beanstalk'. We will focus on learning some of the vocabulary from the story and practice our story-telling skills, through role play with masks and stick puppets in our small world area. In Maths: We are using our fingers to represent different numbers in 'fingers up'. In Understanding the World and Expressive Arts & Design: We will begin to learn about Spring and some of the changes to the environment we will be able to see such as blossom growing on the trees. In our Personal, Social and Emotional Development: We are continuing to learn how to share, wait, taking turns when working, playing together and resolving any conflicts in an appropriate manner.

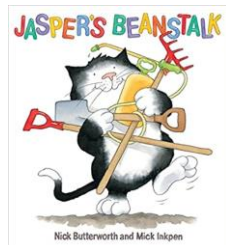
In RE, this week we will continue our new unit of work called 'Lent - Jesus & his Father'. We will practice making the sign of the cross and begin to remember why the colour purple is used in this season. We will also learn that sometimes we should say sorry and recognise time when we can be helpful.

Focus words this week: **planted, watered, sprayed, hoed, picked**

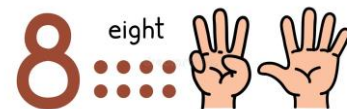
Talk about the words and what they mean. Can you use these words within a sentence throughout the week?

Focus Story:

Jasper's Beanstalk



Maths of the Week



Could you spend some time practising showing different numbers with your fingers, so that the children begin to recognise quickly different numbers.

Rhymes of the Week:

Five little bunnies

Five little bunnies hopping on the floor, (action)	One hopped (hopping)
away.	(hop fingers on floor)
And then there were four	(take one bunny puppet away)
Four little bunnies hid behind a	(hide face in)
hands) One climbed up,	(climbing action with)
hands)	And then there were
three	(take one bunny puppet away)
Three little bunnies wondered what to do?	(tap head as if to think)
hard) One went	
to sleep.	(pretend to sleep)
And then there were two	(take one bunny puppet away)
Two little bunnies went to have some fun.	(the last two puppets jump up and down)
One hopped down a hole.	(make a diving action with hands)
And then there was one	(take one bunny away)

Story Time

Reading books will be changed on **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.

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: 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, I will bring a selection of books up to the gate and if you need to change your book then, you will be able to. However, if it is easier, please put a note in the planner to say your child's book needs changing and we can do that for you.

This week the children will:

- Continue to practise our counting daily, numbers up to 16, when we count the children in class.
- Begin to learn about the churches season of Lent
- Understand why the colour purple is used
- When we should say sorry and when we should be helpful
- Making the Sign of the Cross
- Recognise our own names on our picture register
- We will read the story 'Jasper's Beanstalk'
- We will learn to retell the story through actions.
- We will practice recognising and representing numbers with 'fingers up'
- We will begin to learn about the season of Spring
- We will practice writing some pre-writing shapes and our names.
- 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 also continue to learn our daily prayers.
- We will learn the nursery rhyme, 'Five little bunnies'

Nursery Staffing Arrangements

The Nursery class is being taught by a Nursery Team of staff:

Mrs Bamforth (Teacher), Mrs Evans (Teacher) and Mrs Mulvaney (Teacher) and Mrs Chambers (Teaching Assistant).

Mrs Bamforth will begin her maternity leave at the end of this week (last day 2nd March 2023)

If you have any concerns, please contact Mrs Hannett or Mrs Hinton.

30 hours free childcare

How you can use 30 hours free childcare?

You may be able to get 30 hours of free childcare per week for 38 weeks of the year (during school term time).

If you think your child might be entitled to the 30 hours please use this web address to find out if you eligible.

<https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare>

If you need support to apply, speak to Mrs Sheffield in the office or the Nursery staff and we can help.

Important Dates

Friday 3rd March - Dress Up for World Book Day - Come in dressed as one of your favourite story book characters.

Tuesday 7th March - Reception & Nursery will have a visit from a lady called Carol Trigg and her Guide Dog

Wednesday 8th March - 'Farm on Wheels' will visit school and the children will be able to meet some of the different farm animals.

Sunday 12th March - School Mass at Church (St Joseph's, Darlaston at 8.30am) Please come along and support our children reading in Mass.

Friday 31st March - Easter Bonnet parade in the morning - details to follow

Date to be arranged - Story time with Parents