



Reception Weekly Focus

Week Beginning: 27th February 2023

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 plants. We will be looking at how plants grow and starting to think about the important things that they need. We will be asking the question - are plants alive? We will be reading the story 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and learning to retell the story with actions. We will plant our own beans and watch them grow over the next few weeks.

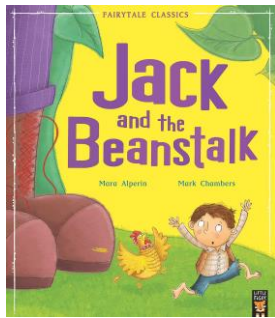
On Wednesday, we will begin to learn about Lent by placing a purple cloth on our prayer altar.

Focus words this week: Leaves, Stem, Lent, Roots, Seeds

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



Can you talk about this pattern?

What will come next?

Make your own pattern using things
around your house.



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*

Story Time

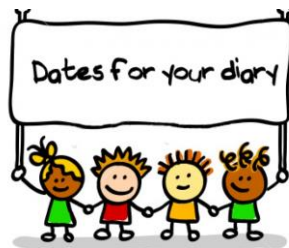
Reading books will be changed throughout
the week.

1000 story books will be changed on
Mondays this half term.



This week the children will:

- Learn about how plants grow.
- Explore where seeds and beans come from by looking at fruits and vegetables .
- Plant beans to grow our own beanstalks.
- Noticing the changes and growth already happening around us on a nature walk.
- Enjoy naming and looking at the plants we can see.
- Play in our new Garden centre role play area.
- Paint pictures and draw by looking at real plants and flowers.
- Make AB ABB ABC and ABBC patterns using shapes, pictures and objects.
- Learn to retell the story 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and draw a story map of the story.
- Come to school dressed as a book character to celebrate World Book Day on Friday 4th March.
- Sorting beans with tweezers to help strengthen our fingers for writing.
- Each day we will practise reading and writing during phonics lessons.



Friday 4th March - Children come to Reception dressed as a character from a book to celebrate World Book Day. Please make sure children still bring their coats and wear sensible shoes.