

Our Topic this term

We will be introducing the topic 'growing' to the children. In Literacy, we will be focusing on the story 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. We will be recalling the story using actions and key phrases from the text and describing the Giant using lots of rich vocabulary. The children will be growing their very own beanstalks and have fun learning about what they need to grow. We will also learn about lifecycles, babies, plants and what they need in order to grow. We are always grateful for any resources such as: flower pots, seeds, bulbs, plants and baby clothes. Please can you bring in an old baby photo of your child in a labelled envelope for us to use as part of our learning, introducing an understanding of past and present. We will also enjoy learning about Easter and it's importance to Christians.



As mathematicians we will...

The children will be learning about measuring using non standard units (lolly sticks, footsteps etc.). This ties in nicely with our growing topic as we will begin to measure the growth of plants in our classroom and discuss how we have grown since babies. We will also be learning how to make number bonds to 10 and make 3d shapes.

Phonics During our **phonics sessions** will be continue to learn the phase 3 sounds which will include digraphs. We will be learning to read and write the phase 3 tricky words. We will be continue to learn to read simple sentences using all the sounds and words we have learnt.

Reception key information

- Outdoor Learning will continue to take place on a Thursday for Monkeys and on a Tuesday for Lions. Children will need to come in to school dressed in their own clothes for their allocated session.
- **Please can parents donate any plants, seeds, compost, and flower pots for our topic work, and any newspapers and kitchen roll tubes for craft activities.**
- **Reading books are sent home weekly. We strongly encourage you to read with your child daily and record any comments into their Reading Journal.**



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Reception Newsletter Spring Term 2 2024

Welcome back to a new term, we are really excited to start our growing topic. We will be exploring this further in our weekly outdoor learning sessions with lots of practical activities to explore our natural environment and how to respect and care for it. We thank you for your continued support and look forward to an exciting and fun term of learning!

Miss Ezinwa , Miss Donnelly, Miss Nye, Mrs Simpson-Ngo and Miss Nash

Important Dates

Art Café— Tuesday 27th February

School Photo Day – Wednesday 6th March

World Book Day Celebration — Thursday 7th March

Book Fair—Thursday 7th, Friday 8th and Monday 11th March

Red Nose Day—Thursday 14th March

Easter Disco— Friday 22nd March

Rock Steady Concert—Friday 22nd March

Caspa - Wear Green to be Seen day— Thursday 28th March

End of term—Thursday 28th March



How can you help at home?

- Practise reading and writing phase 2 and phase 3 sounds with your child in their home learning journals. If you need another book please let a member of the EYFS team know.
- Continue to promote the love of reading and encourage your child to retell stories in their own words and to begin to answer questions about the story.
- Encourage your children to count forwards and backwards up to 20 and beyond.
- We would be grateful if you could donate £1 for our consumables that resource our messy and malleable play.
- Please continue to share your child's achievements with the EYFS team by sending any 'Wow' moments' in with your child. If you need any wow moment sheets please speak to a member in the EYFS team.
- Develop children's independence and self help skills by encouraging them to dress and undress themselves, including zipping up coats and taking shoes on and off, and feeding themselves.



Useful websites

Phonics play- <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources/phase/2>

Topmarks (maths games) -<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/mathsgames/3-5-years/counting>

BBC Iplayer Numberblocks—<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b08bzfnh/numberblocks>

BBC Iplayer Alphablocks —<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b01cz0p1/alphablocks>