

Foundation Stage Newsletter



Dear families,

April 2024

The children have settled back in like they've never been away. They have been keen to share their holiday news with us and it sounds like you all had a lovely break.

Full of Beans!



This term the children will learn about plants and growing. We will begin our topic by reading different versions of Jack and the Beanstalk. We will then sequence the story and retell it using puppets before the children have a go at writing the story in their own words. We are going to plant our own beans to see if we can grow giant beanstalks! The children will keep a bean diary and sequence the life cycle of a bean. We will also be sharing lots of non-fiction books about plants and growing.

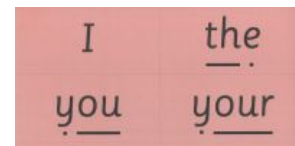
We will look at other stories related to the growing theme such as Jasper's Beanstalk and Jack and the Jelly Beanstalk.



By the end of the first week the children will have been introduced to all the 'special friends' in Set 2. This term we will recap them and practise reading and writing the sounds in words.



ay ee igh ow oo oo
or ar air ir ou oy



Letter formation and handwriting is developing well and the children are enjoying writing independently for a variety of purposes, for example; a label for their model, a list for their shopping in the role-play area or a recount of their experiences in the holiday. We are encouraging the correct use of capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. In class the children are learning to spell some common red words correctly such as *the*, *he*, *she*, *you*.

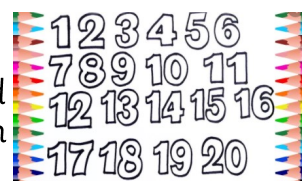
Keep up the great work you are doing at home listening to your child read their reading books and working on their red word lists. Don't forget to write in your child's diary as when you do we award Trackit Light points and the points contribute to class rewards. Try to listen to your child read daily but as a minimum we would like the children to practise reading their Book Bag book three times during the week to encourage fluency.



Maths

This term we will be focusing on **numbers to 20 and beyond**.

The children will be encouraged to recognise numbers to twenty and above. They will begin to understand place value and know that a teen number is made up of one ten and several ones.



If your child is not yet reciting (saying) numbers in order from 1-20 or recognising numbers to 20 then please keep practising at home.

We will continue to learn number bonds to five. This is something you could also practise at home: **0+5, 1+4, 2+3, 3+2, 4+1, 5+0**.



Role-play Area

This term the children will continue to access the home corner and have chosen to have a role-play Garden Centre. If anyone has any of the following you would like to donate they would come in very handy: seeds, gardening gloves, plants/ flowers (real or plastic!), or anything else you can think of! We will also be planting in our outdoor area if you anything spare to donate.

Thank you in advance.

PE

In PE this term, we are working with Simon, the tennis coach, so the children will need to come to school in **PE kit on Thursdays**. We plan to be outside for this lesson so please make sure the children have appropriate footwear.



In **PHSE** we will continue our weekly Calm Me sessions with Jigsaw Jennie followed by circle times about relationships.

Thank you again for all of your support.

Please do not hesitate to catch one of us in the morning with any queries or concerns, no matter how small you may think they are. Or alternatively you are welcome to email or ring if you would like a longer conversation.

The Foundation Stage Team

Mrs Ellis, Mrs Hudson and Mrs Nickson

