

Foundation Newsletter

We hope you've had a fantastic and relaxing Easter Holiday. We hope your children are well rested because we've lots more fun learning planned!



Up the Beanstalk with the Early Years!

Skills and Learning for the new term

At the beginning of this half term we are continuing to think about growth and changes in nature starting with Jack and the Beanstalk, and this will be an umbrella for our skills.

Maths

We will be measuring height and estimating how tall the giant is and our beanstalks have grown. We will be ordering different items by length and height, as well as explore capacity.

Literacy & and Communication and Language

We will be reading traditional stories and retelling them with puppets and small world items. We will be substituting traditional ideas for our own. We will suggest ways a story might end, describe settings and characters and think about the way stories are structured. In Reception we will also be focussing on fiction and non-fiction growing/gardening books. We will also be writing Bean Diaries. We will be thinking, reading and writing about mini-beasts, 'people who help us' and dinosaurs after half term. Please remember that red and blue groups have their books changed on Mondays and Purple and Green groups have theirs changed on Wednesdays – thank you. Your children also do 'guided' reading twice a week.

Understanding of the World

We will be talking about patterns and changes the children have noticed in our growing beans and exploring the life cycles of butterflies and frogs. We also have some new stick insects.

Expressive Arts and Design

Through music, dance, painting, drawing and other media we will be working with the children to explore their experiences and talk about what they have created.

Physical Development

Our PE day is Tuesday. We have a visiting P.E. teacher called Mr Sinclair who is teaching athletics skills and dance. In Nursery, it would be appreciated if your child could wear school trousers or shorts on this day.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We continue to work with the children to ensure they are confident in their abilities and to take ownership of their learning. We discuss what the children are great at and what they want to get even better at. The Nursery children each have a Next Step they are working on. Ask your child what theirs is! These are displayed in the class so just ask to pop in if you want to take a peek. Reception have Next Steps for Literacy and Maths skills.

Please also remember to name all clothes and P.E. kits and leave all toys at home!
Thank you