



Our Topic this term

We will be introducing the topic 'growing' to the children. In literacy we will be focussing on the story 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. We will be verbally retelling the story and creating a story map. The children will also be discussing and writing about babies, plants and animals and what they need in order to grow. We are always grateful for any resources that link to our topic so feel free to bring in anything you think that will be useful to have in our learning environment. These can include: non-fiction books; seeds, bulbs, plants and baby clothes. We would like you to bring in an old baby photo of your child in a labelled envelope for the EYFS team to photocopy. We will use this as part of our learning to create a then and now display.



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 solve problems by doubling, halving and sharing and recap on addition.

Phonics During our **phonics sessions** will be revisiting the phase 3 letters and sounds and the tricky words; no, go, I, the, to, be, she, he, was, is, we.

Reception key information

- *PE takes place every week and children will need to ensure they have a full kit which includes; navy shorts/ jogging bottoms/leggings, navy t. shirt and plimsolls that are labelled. P.E. kit need to stay in school in a named bag on their pegs.*
- *Outdoor learning will not take place this term as the site is becoming very worn so needs time for regeneration and maintenance. Please can children wear their uniform on their usual outdoor learning days . Thank you for your support and understanding.*
- *Please can parents donate any plants and seeds for our topic work, and any newspapers for our pet rabbits would be greatly appreciated.*



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Reception Newsletter Spring Term 2 2019

Welcome back to a new term, we are really excited to start our growing topic. Our reading afternoons take place every Thursday afternoon between 2.45pm and 3.10pm. This is an opportunity to read with the children and promote a love of reading in a fun and relaxed way. Parents are welcome to attend as many sessions as they wish.

Important Dates

Mother's Day—31st March

Half term —8th April - 22nd April 2019

World Book Day— 7th March 2019

Reading Breakfast—Monday 4th—Friday 8th March 2019

Book fair—Tuesday 5th—Thursday 7th March 2019

Parent Teacher consultations—Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th March 2019

Easter Disco—Friday 29th March 2019



How can you help at home?

- *Practising reading and writing phase 2 and phase 3 sounds.*
- *Encourage your children to count forwards and backwards up to 20 and beyond.*
- *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 .*
- *Develop children's independence and self-help skills by encouraging them to dress and undress themselves.*

Useful websites

Phonics bloom- <http://www.phonicsbloom.com>

Mr Thorne does phonics- <http://mrthorne.com/home/phonics/letters-and-sounds/>

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