

### English

In English we will be reading fiction and non-fiction books. Through looking at non-fiction we will be learning how to follow and write instructions. During our fiction work we will be basing our writing around the story Jack and the Beanstalk. We will be learning how to write descriptions of characters and settings, as well as creating our own versions of the story.

### Phonics

The children will continue to receive daily phonics sessions. During phonics we will be continuing to learn new letter sounds as well as reading and writing simple sentences.



Remember to check out our school website. Here you can find out about how we teach reading, phonics and writing, with some cool links and games too!

### Tapestry

Next week we will be restarting our weekly show and tell. Your child will keep the same show and tell day as they had previously. Please continue to add photographs of your child's interests and experiences outside of school for them to share with the class. The children love show and tell and it really helps their speaking and listening skills to progress.

## Year R Curriculum Newsletter Summer Term 2021



Welcome back!

We hope that you all had a lovely Easter break. The children have come back to school with brilliant attitudes and have made a super start to Summer Term.

If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate contact us.

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### PE

We will be taking part in PE on a Tuesday and Friday. We will hopefully get outside for PE as much as possible and we will be focusing on throwing and catching, movement and controlling equipment. Please ensure your child has an indoor and outdoor PE in school all week. Please can you also ensure that all of their PE kit is named.

### Maths

We teach maths in a very practical and visual way so that children can connect their learning to real life contexts and situations. This term we will be focusing on numbers to 20 and looking at number bonds, addition, subtraction, doubling and halving. We will also be exploring shape, pattern, distance, money and time.

To support your child at home please continue to look at numerals to 20 both in and out of order and talk about the numbers that are one more and one less. Your child could also practise putting the numerals in order from 0 to 20.

Remember to check out our school website. Here you can find out about how we teach maths and much more!

### Understanding the World

During this term we will be learning about how plants grow. We will be planting our own seeds and taking care of them. After half term we will also be learning about minibeasts.

Following the cycle of learning about religions from across the world, this year all of the children across school will learn about both Christianity and Judaism. Learning about the different cultures and beliefs from around the world has never been so important. If you have any artefacts or information, we would love to hear from you.

### Safety and PSED

As well as continuing to develop social skills through on-going play we will also be continuing our learning through HeartSmart. This half term we will be focusing on the theme: Fake is a Mistake! Through this we will explore telling the truth, what we are grateful for and how to be kind and encourage others. After half term we will follow the theme: No Way Through isn't True! During this we will focus on hope, perseverance and determination.

We will also continue to explore and promote British Values and life in Modern Britain. One of the ways that we will be exploring this is through our daily book vote. Each morning when the children arrive at school they vote between two books. Later in the day we count the votes and the book with the most votes gets read. This is teaching the children early knowledge about fairness and democracy.

### Learning Challenge

Our whole school theme for the Summer Term will be 'Our World and Beyond'. Our Learning Challenge for the first half term in Summer is: *"Jack and the Beanstalk"* After half term we will be moving onto a Learning Challenge focusing on 'Minibeasts'

During the first Learning Challenge we will be listening to and re-enacting the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. We will be creating castles, planting bean seeds and creating our own versions of the story.

After half term we will be learning about different types of minibeasts and discussing their similarities and differences.



### Expressive Arts and Design

This term the children will be exploring different media and materials. We will be creating collages and learning about colour mixing. We will also be acting out stories and using our imagination to change some of the details.

### Homework

The children will continue to bring home a school reading book. These will be given out on a Monday and collected in on a Friday. As the children are moving onto word books it is really important that they read their book a few times over the week. This will help to build up fluency and comprehension skills. Please ensure that you write a comment in your child's journal so that we can see they have read at home and please make sure that they bring both their journal and reading book to school each day. The children will still have access to Bug Club if they would like read any additional books.

For further ideas on how to support your child across all areas please see the EYFS section on our website.

### Story Time

We feel story time is really important and we share a class story each day. The children are enjoying voting for their daily story and are getting really good at recalling some of the details.