

**HALF TERM INFORMATION UPDATE****Reception****Message from the staff:**

This is our favourite term! This is the time of year that we see the children's hard work come together and they make amazing progress. They are starting to get ready for year 1! The sun comes out and our outside area becomes very popular! Please remember to send your children in with hats, water bottles and wearing sunscreen, they can bring in a bottle if they need to top it up at lunch time.

This half term's learning:**Mathematics:**

This half term we are continuing to develop our understanding of numbers to 10. Numbers bonds to 10 and adding and subtraction within 10.

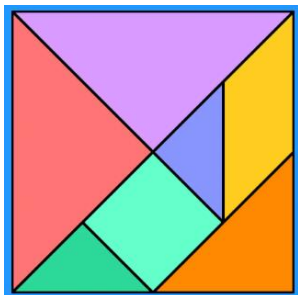
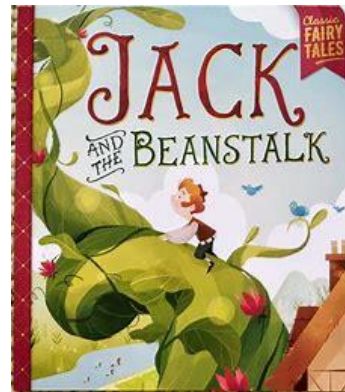


The children will also begin to learn about numbers beyond 10. Ordering numbers to 20 and playing number recognition bingo.

We will be looking at shapes and how other shapes can be hidden within a shape. The children really love singing this shape song.

<https://youtu.be/WTeqUejf3D0>

Try listening to it.

**Literacy:**

Comprehension: This half term we are focusing on stories about plants and growing.

Phonics: The Phonics lessons are continuing in the same way as before. Each child goes to their own bespoke group. The sessions last for approximately 40 minutes. They include introducing new sounds, reading words, writing words and then writing a complete sentence. Please see SEESAW for more information on what your child is learning.

Writing: We also write in class every week. Some children compose and write their own sentences, others write a sentence that is largely phonic, dictated by the teacher. We are focusing on using finger spaces between words.

Handwriting: We practise writing individual letters in a handwriting session at the end of the day. The children are doing well with this. Most of the children make all lowercase letters correctly.

**Personal, social and emotional development:**

We have already enjoyed our 'Healthy inside and out' day. The children learnt about being the same and being different, but how everyone is valued and important.

**Understanding of the World**

This half term we are focusing on growing. We will be reading Jack and the Beanstalk and growing our own beans. We will be learning about vegetables and doing some tasting!



We will also be learning about how humans grow and how the children have changed since they were a baby.

Expressive art and design:

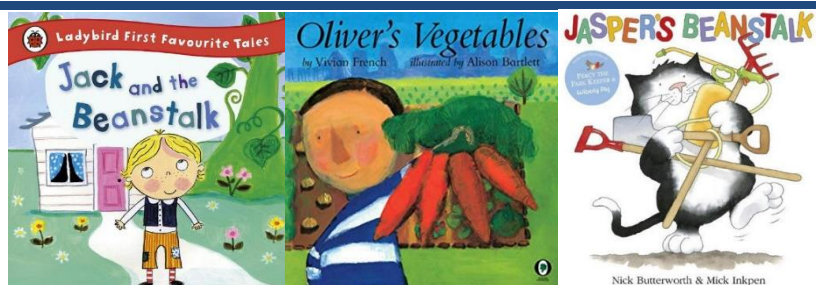
In Music we are experimenting with a wider range of musical instruments. We have a good repertoire of songs that we can sing. The children also have had the chance to listen to music of all different styles. They can say if they like a piece and give a sensible reason why. **It would be helpful** if you can share your favourite music with your child and explain why you like it.

Physical development:

Children will continue to have PE on Fridays. This half term we will be focusing on gymnastics. We are learning to travel in different ways; high, low, over and under.

**Story Focus:**

We are using stories to enhance the children's vocabulary and understanding of words. Look out for your child using advanced vocabulary that surprises you.



Jack and the Beanstalk

Jasper's Beanstalk

Oliver's Vegetables

How parents can help at home:

Reading- Please try and read at least 3 times a week with your child. Your child will have either a ditty or reading book.

Maths- To 20 and beyond- At home you can practice recognising and counting to 20.

Becoming independent- Encourage your child to put their own socks and shoes on independently.

Days/Dates to remember:

- Come and watch the children perform their song from music sessions 'The Big Bear Funk!'
- RD will perform on Tuesday 21st May at 2.50pm.
- RTH will perform on Thursday 23rd May at 2.50pm.
- RECEPTION DISCO! We will hold a disco to raise money for school. Date TBC, more information to follow.
- Please make a member of staff know if your child is being collected by someone different.