

A message from the Reception Team...

Your children continue to amaze us every single day!

We feel privileged to be teaching them and are so happy to have our full classes back at school.

We wanted to say a really **big** thank you and well done for all your hard work during lockdown, whether your child was at home or at school.

We appreciate all the support you continue to give us.

If you have any questions or queries, please come and speak to one of the Reception team.

Thank you,

Mrs Horne Mrs Nellist
Miss Jones Mrs Wilkinson



Reception Learning at Home

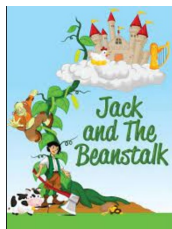
Summer Term 1



Growing

What we are learning this half term...

We will focus our learning around the topic of growing. We will be planting beans and sunflower seeds and looking at how plants grow. Our fruit trees which were planted during lockdown are beginning to sprout leaves, so we will keep a keen eye on what happens! It is important to find out how food grows and where it comes from. We will also learn about the life cycles of frogs, chicks and ourselves. The core story for this half term is **Jack and the Beanstalk**. Other stories which we will focus on are: Jasper's Beanstalk, The Little Red Hen and Once there were Giants. We will also read some non-fiction books about growing.



Reading at Home



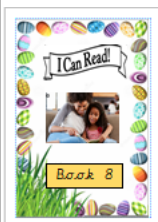
It is really important to read with your child at home. Reading for 5 - 10 minutes three or more times a week really helps your child improve rather than spending a longer amount of time just once a week. It is important to read their books more than once and you could ask your child questions as they read. Predicting what might happen is also a good skill. There are always excellent prompts in each reading book to help you.

Rising Stars

Rising Stars is our online reading scheme, **additional** to the books we send home each week. Your child has been allocated a selection of books which they can read over a period of a few weeks. You can add these books into your child's reading record booklet, so we can see which books they have read.



Reading Booklets



These are an invaluable resource which aid you to see which phonemes, digraphs, trigraphs and tricky words your child has learnt at school and which ones they still need to practise. Feel free to use the booklets as a working document by annotating and writing on them as you desire.

Snack

Snack is an important part of the Early Years curriculum and in our experience all children benefit from this activity. It can be preparing food, baking, looking at changes in food, talking about what they like/dislike or just simply helping children's confidence to try new food alongside their friends. Some of the foods we have tried this year include: making pizza, Chinese snacks and dipping sauces and vegetable crisps amongst many! For this to continue, we are asking for a voluntary contribution of **£5.00** for this half term.

We will also use these contributions towards play dough ingredients and other consumables in class. Please could you send the money in a named envelope. Any queries please see a member of the Reception team.



We are excited to plan future snacks based upon our growing theme!



It's Summer...



We all know how changeable the British weather is! Please ensure you send your child with a coat AND water bottle (with fresh water everyday. If sun is forecast, please apply sun cream to your child each morning and also send them to school with a NAMED sun hat.



A last little job...

Please can you send a named baby photograph of your child next week.

We have a plea... If you have any unwanted seeds, plants, gardening pots, artificial plants or foliage please can you donate them to Reception for our growing topic.