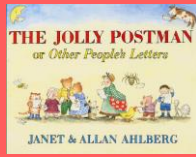


Reception

Summer 1
2025



The Jolly Postman

This half term our topic has an art focus. The Jolly Postman will make his next visit to the Giant, from Jack and the beanstalk. This will be our inspiration as we will learn about our focused artist, Alexander Calder. We will explore sculptures and appreciate some of Alexander Calder's work. We will explore and manipulate wire to create shapes. We will add texture to these shapes using other medium. Then, we will create shapes to imitate Alexander Calder's work called, The Spinner. We will take inspiration from the story of Jack and the beanstalk to create our own beanstalk sculptures using wire, tissue paper and cardboard cylinders/cuboids. Once we have created our own art work, we will evaluate it.

P.E. will be on Friday this term.

Our focus is object control and games. Children should arrive to school in PE kit each Friday.

PE Kit is plain black jogging bottoms/leggings/shorts, white/red t-shirt and trainers/plimsolls.

Important Dates.

Wednesday 21st May 2025 - Opal stay and play 1:45pm - 3pm

Friday 23rd May 2025 - Singing Picnic - 2:30pm-3pm. Enjoy performances from the children and bring a blanket to sit on, and a picnic/snacks to share

Maths

We will learn to:

- Recite numbers to 20, then 100.
- Exploring numbers up to 20
- Addition within 10
- Subtraction within 10
- Correctly write numerals, 0-10
- Recalling number bands within 10
- Find one more and one less of an amount, within 10.
- Exploring 3D shapes

How to help your child at home.

Explore one more and one less of amounts of objects

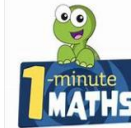
Explore adding amounts of objects together and counting the total

Identifying numbers and shapes on walks

Writing numerals 0-10 correctly

Encourage your child to recall number bands within 10

Accessing a free app by White Rose called One minute maths.



Science and understanding the world.

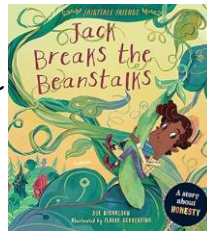
We will:

- Plants - Planting beans, exploring how to care for plants and what they need to grow.
- Animals - life cycle of a chick
- Materials - joining materials
- Exploring sun safety

Literacy

This term our **writing** focus text is Jack breaks the beanstalk. In our sequence of learning we will be writing.

- Labels for images
- A character description
- A setting description
- A fact file
- A recount



We will be having a big focus on letter formation. The children will have daily opportunities for writing and to further develop their fine motor skills.

Phonics. This year your child will be following the Little Wandle Phonics programme. Alongside this, your child will have opportunities to develop other skills needed for reading such as blending and segmenting. As their confidence and skills grow, they will be sent home with reading activities and/or books.

Reading at home

As your child progresses through the phonics programme they will be sent home with decodable phonics books for them to read to you. These books will be accessed via the online Collins Hub. Hearing your child read at home is extremely important. Please listen to your child **read at least three times** a week. Daily reading makes a huge difference to progress!

