

**Our topic this half term:** In the garden with Jack and the Beanstalk **Our books this half term:** Monkey Puzzle, Jasper's Beanstalk, Jack and the Beanstalk, Little red hen

<p><b>English</b></p>	<p>In English we are going to be spending lots of time unpicking familiar stories such as Jack and the Beanstalk. We will be starting with 'Jasper's beanstalk' and will then move onto Jack and the beanstalk, talking about the similarities and differences within the stories. The children will learn lots of new vocabulary which we will focus on throughout the weeks adding it to our daily language and our 'Vocabulary tree. We will discuss what the words mean and how we can use them in different sentences. We will also be introducing something called 'Colourful semantics' which helps children unpick the story and build grammatically correct sentences. Talking about who is in the story, where they are, what they are doing etc.</p> <p>Phonics will also take place every day. The children will be split into groups and will be continuing to develop their phase 1 (environmental sounds, instrumental sounds) and phase 2 (learning their sounds, initial sounds, recognising sounds, writing sounds).</p>	
<p><b>Maths</b></p>	<p>In Maths we will be focusing on numbers up to 10 and potentially look at beyond if the children are confident. We will be focusing on recognising the numbers, number order, subitising, writing the numbers and being able to count the correct amounts.</p> <p>We will also look back over a lot of things we have covered already such as 2D shapes, brief introduction to 3D shapes, patterns, symmetry, one more and one less.</p>	
<p><b>Science</b></p>	<p>Hopefully we will now begin to see a little more sunshine! We will therefore begin to start growing in our forest school garden. We plan on growing our own vegetables including potatoes, courgettes and lettuces. We will learn how to prepare the ground, plant the seeds, look after what we grow and what to do to keep away any predators. This will include creating our own bird feeders, miniature scarecrows and going on mini beast hunts to check if there is anything nibbling the things that we are growing! In time we hope to taste what we have made and donate some of what we grow to the school kitchen! We will also be growing our own butterflies. We will watch how the egg turns into a caterpillar and then a butterfly. We will release our butterflies into the forest school garden at the end of the half term.</p> <p>We will also continue to take part in lots of different mini experiments.</p>	
<p><b>PSHE/RSE</b></p>	<p>This half term the class will learn about "changing me". We learn how our bodies have changed from being a baby to being at school and will understand that we will continue to grow into adults. We discover what we can do to help us grow up into healthy adults. We will be looking at the different body parts and talking about their functions (what do our eyes do, what does our mouth do).</p>	
<p><b>RE</b></p>	<p>In RE our key question will be 'What can we learn from stories?'. Children will be introduced to new stories from Christianity, Hinduism, Islam and Sikhism and we will use these stories to find out something new. We will read stories such as 'The boy who cried wolf', 'The crocodile and the priest' 'Bilal and the beautiful butterfly', 'The gold giving serpent' and 'The lost coin'. We will talk about what these stories teach us and how they can help us.</p>	
<p><b>PE</b></p>	<p>We are working so hard with our fundamental movement skills and are learning to continue to perfect our jumping, hopping, running, throwing and catching skills. We will also be preparing ourselves for Sports day and working on our skills. We will continue to work with FTFC as they come to see us twice a week.</p>	
<p><b>Music</b></p>	<p>In Music we are continuing to look at a variety of nursery rhymes and incorporating instruments into them. Just like we did when we made rain makers and linked them to incy wincy spider, we will be looking at drums for the grand old duke of York as well as several other instruments. We continue to learn the names, the types of instruments as well as new vocabulary such as tempo, beat, rhythm.</p>	
<p><b>History</b></p>	<p>As part of our Jack and the Beanstalk story we will be reading over the next few weeks we thought it would be nice to look more into features of the story such as castles. Looking at different castles, what they were used for, what has happened to some of them (ruins).</p>	
<p><b>DT</b></p>	<p>Towards the end of the half term, Nursery will be joining the rest of school in DT week. This will be a week where children will learn how to create their own meals and prepare food. We have decided to focus on bread making. The children in Reception will be preparing soup so we thought it would be nice to make something we could offer for them to have alongside it. We will be looking at the different ingredients we need, how to prepare, different cooking skills.</p>	

**Our enrichment this half term:** We will be taking part in Sports day alongside the rest of school on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May (Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May reserve day in case of bad weather). More details to follow. Who will be the cup winners this year?!