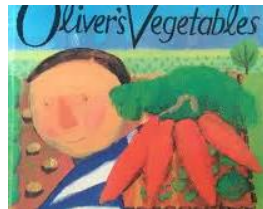
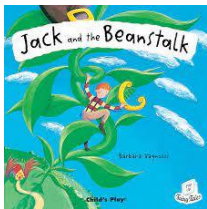




Beech Newsletter

February 2024

Welcome back! Over the next five weeks we will be exploring our topic of Come outside- Spring and growth. During this half term we will be looking at a variety of seeds, planting them and helping them grow. We will be looking for signs of spring and discussing the changing seasons. We will hopefully have a trip to a farm to see new lambs and have some butterflies in class. The book focus will be Jack and the Beanstalk and Oliver's vegetables.



In **Maths** this half term Reception will be continuing 6, 7, 8 and moving onto length, height and time before beginning to explore 9 and 10. I recommend an app for your child to try- White Rose One Minute Maths. This will support subitising skills and recollection of number bonds. Nursery will be encouraged to use mathematical language to compare, count, and explore different compositions of number.

In **Phonics Reception** children are now reading words with two or more digraphs in them and longer words e.g. ending in -ing. We will continue to send home a review sheet each week for you to spend some time with your child recapping the new sounds. **Nursery** children will continue to focus on hearing sounds, rhymes and oral blending. The nursery rhymes this half term are Baa Baa Black Sheep, Hey Diddle Diddle, Hickory Dickory, Humpty Dumpty and Incy Wincy.

Reading

In class the session focus is on decoding, prosody (expression) and comprehension. The children will continue to read their reading book three times a week in class and then sent home on a Wednesday. Books will be changed again on a Monday.

PE session will now be on **Wednesdays**. Please send your child in PE kit on Wednesdays. This half term we will having PE with Kanga, concentrating on gross motor skills and learning to play team games.

Topic

When looking at Spring and Growth, the children will have the opportunity to chose which seed they would like to grow and help care for it. We will be learning about herbs and designing and planting a herb garden to use later in the mud kitchen. They will be learning how to make an observational drawing and exploring different smells and textures.



As part of the Come Outside aspect, we have new bikes and we will be encouraging lots of physical activities outside as the weather improves.

PHSE

We will be examining healthy relationships and how we communicate with each other, including compromising.

Homework

Homework will be sent out as a challenge sheet for the children to pick from throughout the ½ term. A phonics review sheet will be sent home on a Friday to consolidate the weeks learning. Any comments can be shared in the learning journal.

Come in!

I am pleased to invite parents and carers in to play with us on 15th March at 2:15. This is the date of our assembly so you can go straight to the hall afterwards.

Additional

Can I ask for a photo of your child helping (washing up, cooking etc) in the kitchen to be emailed to me please to enhance our home corner? I am always pleased to see photos of your special trips or events via Tapestry, which we show the class. If anyone is having trouble accessing Tapestry, please let me know.

Smaller modelling materials for gluing and making will **always** be needed.