

Year R Newsletter Spring 1

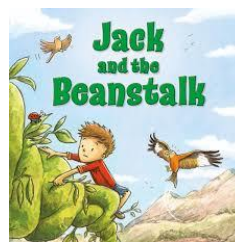


We are already at the end of your child's first term at school. We hope you are looking forward to the Christmas break. The children have shown us so many wonderful things this term and we are looking forward to seeing more of this in our Spring Term. We would like to take an opportunity to thank you all for your ongoing support as we have navigated the first term together.

Thank you for continuing to practice reading at home. Phonics books are changed on a Thursday and Library books on a Friday. In the Spring term, some of us will be moving phonics groups. This will mean some children will be coming home with a phonics book to read at home with you. Do not be concerned if your child does not have a phonics book straight away, this is linked to their phonics phase learning and we will share phonics videos on Tapestry to practice at home.

Tapestry has been a great way of keeping in contact with yourselves and hopefully, you have enjoyed seeing some of the things the children have been doing. We have also really liked seeing what you are getting up to at home so please do keep posting.

Our topic when we come back is Once Upon a Story. We will be looking at traditional tales, such as the Gingerbread Man, the Three Pigs and Jack and the Beanstalk.



Spring term will start on Tuesday 7th January 2025. We look forward to seeing you all again and hope you enjoy the holidays!

Reminders

- Please remember to label all clothing that your child brings in to school.
- We have had lots of children bringing in toys to school from home. While we understand that this can be comforting for the children, we cannot guarantee their safety so politely request that toys stay at home.

Our Curriculum in Spring 1

Personal, Social, Emotional Development	We will continue to use the Jigsaw learning resource. This half term the focus is Never giving up and setting our goals.
Communication and Language	We will continue to use our thinking hats to support our discussions around lots of different learning areas.
Physical Development	PE will continue to take place on a Monday afternoon with a PE coach.
Literacy	We will be completing project-based learning around traditional tales. Please continue to share books at home and encourage reading for pleasure.
Mathematics	In maths we will continue to explore numbers up to 10, talking about the composition of numbers, equal and not equal, and start to explore part whole models.
Understanding the world	We will be exploring the ingredients used to make gingerbread. We will also be looking at houses in our local area and planting beans to monitor how they grow.
Expressive Art and Design	In art this half term we will be role playing and making houses with junk modelling. Any clean recycling products are welcomed.

Diary dates and upcoming events:

- 7th January 2025 - return to school
- 15th -23rd February 2025 - Half term Return to school 24th February 2025
- Thursday 13th February – Valentines disco – in school time – more information will be sent next half term

****Thank you all for your continued support – The Reception Team****

