



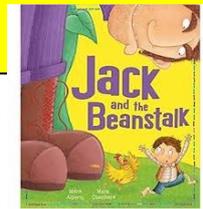
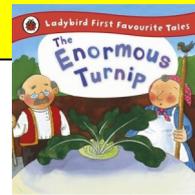
Year 1 Spring 2 Newsletter



Dear Parent / Carer

Thank you so much for your continued support through these unsettling times, it is much appreciated. We are so proud with how the children are engaging with all the online learning and we really enjoy seeing them on our daily Teams calls.

We have an exciting second half to the Spring term planned for Year 1. Our theme this term will be 'Growing'. As part of our topic we will be planting and growing our own plants (A planting pack is available to pick up from the front office for children learning at home). The children will have the opportunity to explore a range of growing related themes.



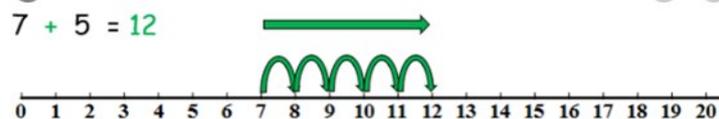
English

This half-term we will be focusing on our new topic 'Growing'. We will be exploring non-fiction fact files,, non- chronological reports , character description and building up to writing our own narrative.

We will have a range of core texts such as, Jack and the Beanstalk and The Enormous Turnip. We will continue focusing on speaking and listening, conjunctions, exclamation marks, question marks and making nouns interesting by using interesting adjectives.

Maths

We will start our maths learning by focusing on bridging ten in addition and subtraction.



The children will continue to count to and across to 50, forwards and backwards, read and write numbers from 1 to 20 in numerals. They will also continue their multiplication and division learning by recalling multiplication and division facts and solving various word problems .

This half term we will also start to learn about capacity by comparing , measuring and solving capacity problems. We will revisit our fraction learning by halving and quartering quantities up to 20, recap our 3D shape learning by describing their properties and review our learning about money by recognising the coins and notes and then starting to add coins together to find a total.

RWI and Spelling

They will be reviewing their sounds and learning new ones that they may have not come across before. They will have a daily session which will consist of daily reading and writing of words. During their daily Guided Reading session, children will have the opportunity to read, share, discuss and respond to a core text.

Useful Websites for home learning

<https://www.getepic.com/> - Great range of books to read
<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/> - Online books available
<https://www.ictgames.com/> - Online games for Maths and English
<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/> - Phonics games

Science

The children will identify and describe the basic structure of common plants. Children will name a variety of common plants and garden plants. They will also get a chance to observe the growth of beans. The children will keep a diary and update it weekly looking closely at the plant growth.

Geography

Children will develop global awareness by looking in detail at the position of the seven continents and five oceans of the world, understanding that the world is spherical and creating their own journeys across the world. Children continue to build on their map skills developed in the Autumn term using atlases, world maps and globes more widely.

Art

The children will be studying work by the artist Henry Moore. He used his imagination to make sculptures. The children will explore and experiment with clay, adding the correct amount of water moulding with hands. They will also be able to use different tools to manipulate the clay successfully. When they have made their model they will be able to evaluate their own work.

Computing

In Computing this half term the children are going to find out how to access a known webpage, they will practise how to load the internet, find the search bar and typing in a known web address. The children will know how to identify the key words to use in search and how to use a search engine searching for specific topics. They will then move onto knowing what makes a website safe and be able to evaluate websites for reliable contents.

Religious Education

The children will be focusing their work on the theme 'belonging'. They will be linking their work to the Christian festival - Easter. The children will be learning what happened during the Easter period and understanding that this is what Christians believe. They will be introduced to vocabulary such as Maundy Thursday, Easter Sunday and Palm Tuesday.

PE & Games

For the whole of Spring Term staff from Bushfield will be delivering PE and Games for the Year One children. In PE the children will be focusing on 'Striking and fielding'. They will be developing skills in badminton. In Games they will be focusing on net and wall tennis.

PE Kit Reminder: Your child's PE kit needs to be in school at the start of each half term and then left in school until the end of each half term. Please can you ensure your child has an indoor PE kit and an outdoor PE kit as the weather is still chilly.

The children have PE on a **Tuesday**.

Music

During this half term, the children will explore the musical dimension of pitch. Using the story of Jack and the Beanstalk, we will use pitch to describe events and characters. Learning about the seasons, we will explore changes in pitch and respond to them with movements and vocal sounds.

Homework

Reading

We ask that children read each day for 10 minutes. Each child in Year 1 will be issued with a level-appropriate reading book provided by school. It really helps their progress if they are heard regularly at home and we would be grateful if you could sign their Personal Log each time you hear them.

Spelling

The children will be set a new spelling list once a week. Their new lists will be stuck into their reading records. The children will be tested on their spellings the next week on Friday.

We find that a few minutes practise everyday really helps the children to learn and remember their spelling

Upcoming Events

- World Book Day Dress up and bring in a book/choose a book - Thursday 4th March