



LEARNING, LOVING AND LIVING

TOGETHER WITH CHRIST

Curriculum Newsletter

Reception Newsletter Summer 1 2018

ENGLISH

During this half term, we will be focusing on 'Jack and the Beanstalk.' The children will become familiar with the repetition of words and will enable them to join in with the story. The children will draw a story map, whilst identifying the beginning, middle and end parts and use this to help them retell the story in sequence. Children will begin to retell the story verbally and in their writing whilst gradually adapting the original story to make it their own.

PHONICS

We will be recapping phase 3 phonics including recapping of digraphs and trigraphs that we have learnt. We will continue to practise our tricky words from phase 3 using our favourite tricky word songs and learning tricky words from phase 4 phonics 'said, have, like, so, do, some, come, little, one, were, there, what, when, out.'

We will be challenging children to demonstrate their knowledge of the spelling of these tricky words in their writing. Please continue to practise these spellings at home with your child.

If you are continuing to practise writing with your child at home, could you please encourage pre cursive lower case letters.

Please could you encourage your child to use the online bug club books set. If you have mislaid your login details, please do not hesitate to ask the teacher. You will find them on this website www.activelearnprimary.co.uk

Phase 3 Sound Mat



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MATHS

In the initial week of our Summer term, we will be measuring Giant's footprints and estimating their size.

We will be experimenting with measurement, and identifying what methods and resources we can use to measure the footprints.

We will also be introducing money through our role play farm shop in our outdoor environment. We will continue to consolidate our knowledge of solving problems which include the processes of subtraction, halving and sharing.

RE

In Religious Education this half term we will be learning about Easter, Pentecost and Prayer.

The children will recap the events of Holy week and learn about the Resurrection to hear the whole Easter story.

During Pentecost the children will learn about the Holy Spirit and what happened to the disciples.

When thinking about Prayer the children will learn about Our Father and Hail Mary and write some together.

This half-term's topic is 'How does your garden grow?'

EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD AND TECHNOLOGY



We will be using the beebots to enhance the children's knowledge of direction and they will program instructions to make it move.

During this half term the children will plant their own beans and observe the changes that occur whilst demonstrating awareness of what helps plants to grow and survive. We will also be using our world map to inform our knowledge of where our daily produce originates from. We will be looking at the journey of coffee and bananas for example. We will also be looking at communities, our local area and using maps and plans to identify places.

We will be designing and creating representations of our own beanstalks and also our own imaginary world. We will look at famous artists with garden landscape paintings and compare the paintings, saying what we like about them and the environmental artist Andy Goldsworthy. We will go outside and create our own environmental artwork using the artist's work as inspiration.

EYFS FUND



To support us in providing materials for art, cooking and outdoor learning, we will gratefully accept a small contribution. We would also gratefully accept any unwanted toys or puzzles. This half term we are going to use some of it to buy seeds and vegetables for planting in our garden.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

Please make sure that ALL your child's clothing and property is CLEARLY LABELLED including shoes, coats and drinks.

Your child needs to bring their reading book bags in every Monday and it will be returned by Tuesday.

Please remember that there are more books allocated for your child to read using bug club books on-line and also activities to do on Education City. If you need a password reminders do not hesitate to ask.

Children MUST have their kits in school on Monday please. All kit must be clearly named. If your child is wearing tights on a PE day please ensure socks are also provided to wear with PE pumps. Reception PE Days are **Monday and Thursday.**

HOMEWORK

Our topic is 'How does your garden grow?' and is based around Jack and the Beanstalk. We would like you to base your homework project this half term around the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. It could be related to gardens, plant life, the choice is yours. This could be in the form of a poster, story, information leaflet, pictures or even a 3D model. The possibilities are endless. This will be due in no later than **Monday 18th May.**

We are also going to be creating a timeline in our class of our lives past and present. Please could your child bring in photos of themselves from significant and memorable moments in their lives (for example, first birthday).