

The week ahead

20th April 2026



Topic

This week we will be reading 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. The children will be learning about the parts of a plant, and the conditions plants need to grow. We will be planting some cress and will also be doing lots of gardening. We will be planting our potatoes, and growing lots of vegetables, including carrots, tomatoes, courgettes, peppers, and peas in our garden.

We will be making castles using junk modelling boxes and would be grateful for empty boxes, kitchen roll tubes and yoghurt pots.

Maths

This week, the children will continue to develop their subitising skills (seeing the quantity without counting) in increasingly complex arrangements. Some arrangements are easier to subitise than others - e.g. a set of 6 dots arranged in a structured die pattern that exposes the double-3 pattern is easier to recognise than a random arrangement of 6 dots. A key focus this week is to use the children's developing understanding of doubles to support their subitising skills. By moving away from counting for sets that can be subitised, the children will develop their abstract understanding of number, which will help to support future calculation strategies. This week's sessions will also continue to encourage the children to consider when they can subitise and when they might need to use counting as a strategy.

Phonics

This term we will continue to recap all our digraphs and trigraphs, and practise reading them in words. We are aiming to become increasingly fluent in our reading.

Please read at least three times at home and record the reading in the reading record.

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