

Week Beginning 15.04.24

Our Topic is...

How does your garden grow?

**After the break, we will be learning about...**

**Topic:** We are very much looking forward to beginning our new Topic in the first week back after the Easter Holidays! We will be focussing on the story 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. We will be using the story to think about what plants need to grow, taking part in a cress experiment and planting our own sunflowers! In PSHE we will be learning to recognise the clues our bodies give us when we are feeling unsafe or unsure.

**Phonics:** In Phonics we will be learning to read and write CVCC (consonant, verb, consonant, consonant) words containing short vowels. We will also be learning new tricky words: said, so, have and like. We will continue to practise our phase 3 digraphs and trigraphs.

**Maths:** In Maths, we will begin learning about subtraction. We will introduce the children to subtraction when a quantity is decreased by an amount and use 'stories' to help us with this. E.g. **first** there were 5 counters, **then** we subtracted/took away 1, **now** there are 4 left. We will use this knowledge to solve simple subtraction calculations and practise the STEM sentences, for example: **5 minus 1 equals 4** and **5 minus 1 is 4**.

#### Important information

##### Reading over the Easter break:

Over Easter, children will have access to their reading books online with Collins ebooks <https://ebooks.collinsopenpage.com/>. Some of the books they may have read in school already and others they may not, but they should be able to decode all words independently.

##### Choice Books:

We have collected the choice books in today for a stock take. We will send out new books after Easter. If you have any schoolbooks at home that have not yet been returned, please return them as soon as possible.

##### Class jars:

This term we will also be planting our very own bean and observing it grow! We would be very grateful if each parent and carer could bring in one or more empty glass jars for us to use. Please send them in by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April, thank you.

##### PE:

Next half term in PE we will be practising our ball skills. Please ensure your child's PE kit is in school on the first day of term.

##### Earth Day:

See attached poster about Earth Day 2024, which we will be celebrating on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April. Please let your class teacher know as soon as possible if you would like to come along and help us.

**Thank you once again for all your support this term. The first day back for the summer term is Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April. The Foundation Stage Team 😊**