



Mathematics Mastery

- We will be exploring the relationship between numbers to 50 and beyond, consolidating single digit addition and subtraction, as well as learning about the value of money and costing items.
- We will be using metre sticks to measure the distances our beans, exploring length and capacity in further detail.

Understanding the World

- In circle time we will be exploring how to be kind to our friends and exploring positive mental health.
- In IT we are learning to write blogs (about our hatching chicks!) and emails (to the Giant);, exploring the many purposes of IT and linking it to our topic.

Science

We will be learning how to make frogspawn, butterfly life cycle wheels, conducting egg shell experiments and planting beans!

Enrichment Activities

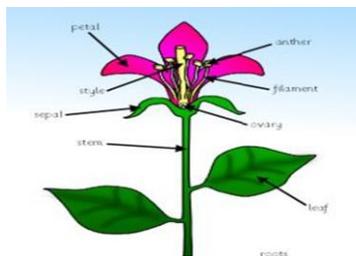
- **Challenge Project:** “What is the best life cycle?” Children will be using this question as a platform for discussions about what a life cycle is, how they are similar and how they are different.
- Later in the term we will also be immersed in another top secret project (building a giant scarecrow). For this we need materials such as old footballs, for the head, and clothes, cushions, wooden sticks, posts and unwanted adult mens shoes for the body. Please leave them in the Reception playground after drop off if you have any of the above!
- **School Trip** We are trying to arrange a trip to an exciting centre later in the term . Please look out for more information. Please let me know if you have links with any gardens / garden centres which the children could also visit. Eg a local allotment.

Expressive Arts & Design

- **Art** – We will be making giants, beanstalks, castles, designing odd eggs, and painting symmetrical butterflies.
- **Drama** – Our Role Play area will be a bean den for the half term. We would love to have any donations from the children such as pots, flower illustrations, sunflower creations or seed packets.
- **Music** – We will be learning to play untuned instruments (such as egg shakers) and using our voices creatively in songs rhymes and chants.

This half term our topic is:

Growth!



Literacy

In Literacy we are reading three texts relating to our topic; “A Tadpole’s Promise”, “The Odd Egg” and “Jack and the Beanstalk”. Children will continue to work on their individual targets with a specific focus on instructional writing.

Phonics

We will continue small group teaching. We are learning to read and write short words and sentences, consolidating our knowledge and reading with speed, fluency and expression.

Physical Development

- **Sports** – We will be swimming every Monday. For this half term we will wear full PE kit to school. Please practise dressing and undressing from and into full school uniform ahead of the summer term.
- In health we will be learning about the importance of a healthy diet; how vegetables grow, and how they keep us healthy.

Home Learning

Encourage your child to take an interest in plants and animals. Discuss life cycles with them, as well as metamorphosis. Plant seeds and garden together if possible; you could also press flowers, grow and eat fruit, or make a healthy salad together. Discuss how humans and animals change over time and record any discoveries your child makes on Tapestry and/or in their home learning journal.