

### In Personal, Social and Emotional Development we will be focusing on:

Making friends, talking to each other and forming good relationships with teachers and children

Explaining what they are doing and asking questions to develop their understanding

Talking about how to resolve conflicts with other children without aggression

Talking about different feelings and emotions

Playing team games and working together to organise activities

**Helping your child: Talk about their friendships at school. Ask them questions to develop their understanding. Develop confidence by talking about What your child is good at.**



### In Communication and Language this term we will be focusing on:

Talking to each other in pairs and groups and using talk to explain what we can do and what we have found out.

Sharing and recalling facts and retelling them through role play.

Joining in with rhymes and stories

Following directions and simple instructions

Developing our concentration skills

Extending vocabulary through stories and talk

Begin to use talk to imagine and recreate roles and experiences

**Helping your child: Share stories and non-fiction books with your child to help develop their vocabulary and experiences. Help them to follow instructions.**



### In Mathematics we will be focusing on:

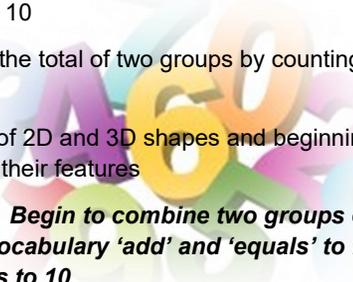
Understanding how numbers to 10 are made and what they look like

Being able to say a number that is greater than or less than a given number to 10

To know how to find the total of two groups by counting them altogether

Knowing the names of 2D and 3D shapes and beginning to identify them by their features

**Helping your child: Begin to combine two groups of objects using the vocabulary 'add' and 'equals' to find a total using numbers to 10**



### In Physical Development this term we will be focusing on:

How to hold a pencil correctly in a dominant hand

Forming recognisable letters

Using scissors and other tools correctly and safely

Developing co-ordination skills in order to balance under and over equipment

Understanding about healthy foods and how food effect our bodies

**Helping your child: Support your child with mark making at home. Encourage them to talk about their marks. Encourage them to write letters of the alphabet properly as well as holding their pencil correctly.**



### In Expressive Arts and Design this term we will be focusing on:

Exploring how colours mix to make new colours using different types of paint

Making our own representations of beanstalks and castles

Using our junk modelling skills to plan and make a castle

**Helping your child: Explore music and dance. Encourage role play in different forms. Can you make your own junk model castle?**



### In Understanding the World we will be focusing on:

Asking questions and developing an understanding of growth and change over time in relation to plants?

The children will be encouraged to talk about the weather and how it is changing at this time of year. Develop experiments relating to growing beans?

Asking questions and developing an understanding of why castles were built and their features they have

Encouraging the children to research different types of plants and the environment needed for them to grow.

**Helping your child: Does your child know their address and where they live? Can they find out facts about what plants need to grow and how this is different around the world?**



### In Literacy we will be focusing on:

Learning the story of 'Jack and the Beanstalk', using a story map

In Phonics beginning to learn two letters can make one sound

Segmenting words and blending them together to write simple words

Reading words together in a sentence

Beginning to write simple sentences that other people can read

**Helping you child : Read, share stories and information books about fairy tales and growing. Ask your child to talk about the stories you read and share together. Can they draw and write about the story, talking about the marks they have made?**





## 'Up the Beanstalk'

Dear Parents/Carers

Next half term our theme is 'Up the Beanstalk'. The text we will be using is 'Jack and the Beanstalk'.

We will be focussing on learning this story using our story map, actions and signifiers. We will use this story in Literacy to help us write a variety of simple sentences.

Alongside the story we will be focussing on growth and changes over time. We will be doing some planting of beans, bulbs and plants. Our discussions will be heavily focussed on the things that these plants need to grow and survive. We will also begin to discuss parts of a plant and flower.

We will be encouraging the children to use their imagination in the creative area to build their own junk modelling castles and beanstalks. We will be encouraging them to paint their own representations of these, using their developing colour mixing skills.

In Maths we will continue to learn how numbers to 10 are made and begin to learn these off by heart.

See over the page for further information.

The Foundation Team.