

Reception
Summer 1
2023

Walkley Primary School Curriculum Newsletter

'Enjoyment, Achievement and Learning for life...'



Topic: Ready, Steady, Grow!

The Big Picture

This half term we will be learning about how plants grow and thrive in our local environment. We will be planting our own seeds to see whether we can grow our own beanstalks as we read the story 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. We will write a diary showing the progress of our plant and measure it to see whose plant is the tallest. We will also be looking at how tadpoles grow into frogs as it is the seasons for frogspawn! As the Coronation approaches we will be learning about the Queen as a significant person from the past.

Key Information and Dates

Secret Reader Begins: 20.4.23

Bank Holiday Monday: 1.5.23

Bikeability: 4.5.23

Bank Holiday Monday: 8.5.23

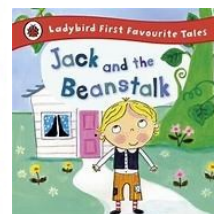
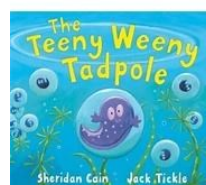
Forest School: The week of 8.5.23

Mental Health Week Beginning: 15.5.23

Dentist Visit: Thursday 18th May 1.15pm

Communication and language

Class Texts:



Literacy Focus

We will be starting 'Drawing Club' focusing on storytelling using our imagination and developing vocabulary whilst enhancing fine motor skills. Children will be encouraged to write a caption independently.

Home Learning

Your child will continue to bring home a library book which is a picture book they have chosen to read with you at home. Please ensure it is in their book bag every Friday so they can change it in school. They will also have a reading book which is matched to their reading ability and RWI group. Please comment on their reading in their Reading Record each time they read with you at home. In addition, the home learning weekly tasks will be sent via Tapestry.

Maths

Number	We will be: Counting larger set of numbers Subitising using tens frames Composing numbers 6-9 Composing numbers to 10 (Number Bonds to 10) Comparing numbers to 10 and using number lines to visualise the order of numbers.
Shape, space and measure	Ordering two or three objects according to their length / height linked to Jack and the Beanstalk and measuring the Giants footsteps. Using non-standard measurements linked to measuring plants. (E.g. using cubes)

Understanding the World

Past and Present	We will be learning about the Queen as a significant person from the past and understanding her role in society. This will link in with current events as we mark the King's Coronation.
People, Culture and Communities	We will be learning about the importance of oral health while having a visit from a local dentist. We will be finding out about the importance of visiting the dentist regularly and brushing our teeth twice a day.
The Natural World	We will be learning about how plants grow, planting our own seeds and tracking their progress to see whose plant will grow the tallest. We will talk about what a plant needs to grow and how to look after them. We will also learn about the life cycle of frogs as we experience the growth of tadpoles.

Physical Development

We will develop their ball skills through the topic of 'weather'. Children will develop fundamental ball skills such as throwing and catching, rolling a ball, using targets, dribbling with feet, kicking a ball, bouncing and catching a ball. Children will be able to develop their fine and gross motor skills through a range of game play with balls. Children will work independently and with a partner and will develop decision making and using simple tactics.

Personal, social, emotional development

This half term we will be focusing on;

Perseverance—reading the story 'The Hare and the Tortoise' focusing on not giving up!

Taking care of our bodies—including oral health, personal space and mental health.

We will continue to encourage children to express how they feel using the 5 point scale and the 'Thoughts and Feelings' Box.

Expressive art and design

We will be designing and creating our own beanstalks for the Jack and the Beanstalk characters to climb up. We will start off by investigating the properties of different materials. Children will work collaboratively to build their beanstalk using their chosen materials. Finally, we will test the beanstalks to see whether they can withstand the Giants weight.

Religious Education

We will be learning about what we can learn from stories. We will be looking at different religions and their stories including; Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Sikhism. The stories each focus on a different moral and we will be reflecting on how different religions approach them.