

Early Years Foundation Stage Newsletter 23rd April 2021

Nursery

We hope you all had a restful and fun Easter holiday. It has been wonderful to return to Nursery and see all the children after a long period of absence. The children have been delightful and have settled back into the Nursery routine well and enjoyed sharing their holiday news with us all. This term our Learning Journey is *What's in the Garden...* with a focus on growing. On arrival to Nursery on Tuesday morning, the children discovered some gigantic muddy footsteps, a letter and a copy of the traditional tale *Jack and the Beanstalk*. After reading the letter (from Jack) we soon established that the footprints had been left by the Giant from the story – this caused a lot of excitement! The children have enjoyed lots of activities this week linked to the story including – exploring the small world scene from the story, using tweezers to transfer magic beans, finding and counting golden eggs which had been laid in the sandpit, creating their own beanstalks using junk modelling materials. In maths, we have revisited number and have been practising counting and reciting numbers to 10 and playing games to support accurate counting and number recognition. In phonics, the younger nursery children have focused on tuning into sounds with an emphasis on, whilst the older children have focused on alliteration. The children have also enjoyed daily 'snack and chat' outside – we've taken advantage of the lovely sunshine.



Reception

We have enjoyed a sunny first week back in Reception. We hope you all enjoyed your Easter Holidays. This week the children in Reception received an exciting delivery of some duck eggs! They are currently in the incubator and we are avidly awaiting for them to hatch. The children have learnt about the life cycle of a duck this week and we have found out about lots of animals that lay eggs, some were a surprise! The children have really enjoyed our new vet role play area, there has been some fabulous collaborative play and great communication. In phonics we have continued learning our phase three sounds and this week learnt 'oi', 'ear' and 'air'. The children have brought home copies of the phase three sounds, please practise recognising these sounds regularly. As they are a little confusing and do look a little similar. The Jolly Phonics songs and actions are also great to practice along with and can be found on YouTube. In Maths we have started to look at adding more, and have practised counting on to find the answer as opposed to counting all of the two groups. On Monday, Reception will partake in their very first Forest School session. Please ensure your child comes appropriately dressed, including footwear. Also a reminder that reading books should be brought in to school on your child's reading day, and comments should be written in their diary when you read at home each night. If you have replaced your school diary, please speak to the school office.

