

Early Years Foundation Stage Newsletter 30th April 2021

Nursery

We've had a fun-filled week in Nursery this week. On Monday we visited the ducklings which hatched in Reception. All children had the opportunity to stroke the ducklings – it's been the highlight of our week. The children have continued to enjoy activities linked to the traditional tale, *Jack and the Beanstalk*. On Tuesday, we received a letter from the Giant tasking us with measuring challenges. The children had to find objects that were longer than, and shorter than, his footsteps. We enjoyed playing the *Fe, Fi, Fo, Fum* game – with one child acting as the Giant and another as Jack – the Giant had to establish which object (from 5) Jack had stolen and work out who Jack was being played by. We have also practised orally retelling the story using a large-scale story map and story stones - to support recall; and creating our own beanstalk/castle artwork which we will be using to form a class display. On Wednesday, we read the story *Jasper's Beanstalk* by Nick Butterworth and after learning about what seeds, beans and bulbs need to grow, planted our very own beans. In Phonics, the younger children have continued to focus on tuning into sounds, whilst the older children have continued to focus on alliteration. Later this term, we will be discussing how we have grown and developed since we were babies. We'd love to have photos of all children as babies as a stimulus for discussion. Please provide a photograph or email or a photograph to jchavaudret-rainfray@templegroveacademy.com by Monday 10th May.



Reception

It has been all about the ducklings this week in Reception! They were a little late to hatch and emerged over the weekend, but the children have been so excited and interested in them. We have enjoyed watching them grow, holding them and even watching them take to water for the first time. We will be a little sad to see them go back to the farm tomorrow. The children also loved their first forest school session and cannot wait for the next one, which is on Wednesday 19th May. In Phonics this week we have learnt two new tricky sounds 'er' and 'ure' and now have covered all of the phase three sounds. We will be revisiting these throughout the summer term so the children can consolidate them and apply in their reading and writing. We are also working hard on remembering our tricky words and will send some home for you to practice. The children enjoyed finding the missing digraphs in this week's phonics challenge. In Maths we have been focusing on subtraction, learning that it means 'take away'. We have used counting buses to help practically solve our subtraction problems.

