

Week Beginning 22.04.24

Our Topic is...

**How does your garden grow?**

Thank you so much for your generous donations for our Earth Day Gardening Afternoon.  
They are very much appreciated. 😊

**Next week, we will be learning about...**

**Topic:** We will be continuing to learn the story of Jack and the Beanstalk and will be planting our own beans. We will also be reading the book *Oliver's Vegetables* and practising our knife skills by preparing fruits and vegetables for a salad. In PE we will continue to practise our ball skills focusing on rolling a ball to a target with accuracy. In PSHE we will be thinking about our 'network of support' and the children will be thinking about the important adults in their lives.

**Phonics:** In Phonics we will be continuing to learn to read and write CVCC (consonant, vowel, consonant, consonant) words and will learn to read CCVC (consonant, consonant, vowel, consonant) words, such as frog, swim, smell, drum, plug, drink and dress. We will also be learning new tricky words: some, come, love, do.

**Maths:** In Maths, we will be continue learning about subtraction. We will practise subtracting by counting back and use a number line to help us do this. We will also learn about how subtraction can be represented with a part whole model. We will put the first amount of counters in the whole, subtract by moving an amount of counters from the whole into one of the parts and move the remaining counters into the other part. We will think about the links between number bonds and subtraction facts, using the STEM sentence: 5 is made up of 3 and 2, so 5 minus 3 equals 2.

**How you could help your child:**

- Keep practising the Phase 3 phonemes that were sent home last half term, including practising writing them in the phonics home learning book.
- Enjoy reading your child's choice book and decodable book with them over the weekend.
- Practise the new Phase 4 tricky words with your child (please see the attached sheet 'Tricky Words for Parents Phase 4').

**Reminders**

- **Reading Books:** Please return your child's reading book **and the plastic wallet** on **Monday**. The plastic wallet is to keep the books safe on their journey to and from your home.
- **Choice Books:** Your child will bring a choice book home every Friday, in addition to their decodable phonics reading book. Please return your child's choice book on **Friday**.
- **Glass jars:** Please ensure you have brought in a glass jar for your child so that we can plant our beans next week.

The Foundation Stage Team 😊