

Down at the Bottom of the Garden

Reception

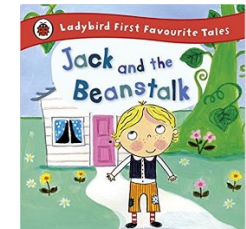
Summer 1 2021

Meet the Team

Team leader: Kate **Teaching Staff:** Becki, Larissa and Faye

Support Staff: Kelley, Athina, Irma, Holly & Samara

The focus of this term is all about discovering and exploring the outside world. We will be using the stories 'First day at Bug School' and 'Jack and the Beanstalk' alongside this topic.



Personal, Social & Emotional Development

This term, we will continue to have regular small group circle times when children can explore their feelings e.g. helping children to recall when they were feeling happy, excited or lonely. We also continue to help children to develop a positive sense of self by setting goals, encouraging them to try their best, to persevere and opportunities to talk about their accomplishments.



Physical Development

This term the children will develop their control over an object by pushing, patting, throwing and kicking. They will take part in running games such as 'What's the time Mr Wolf?', 'Duck Duck Goose' and 'Stuck in the Mud' to develop those skills. There will be a game of the week that the children will learn. They will also take part in movement games which will involve beanbags, hoops, cones and balls.



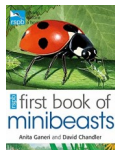
Communication & Language

This half term we will use story maps and story sequencing linked to the two focus books which enables the children to retell the story in role play opportunities. There will be lots of opportunities for the children to answer how and why questions. We will be introducing lots of new vocabulary linked to minibeasts and plants.



Literacy

We will be exploring minibeasts through the story 'First day at Bug School' and will be introducing information books linked to minibeasts and growing plants. Also, we will create a story map for the story 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. This term we will move onto Phase 4 phonics with sentence building and applying the children's knowledge of Phase 3 sounds.



Maths

This term, we will be focusing on numbers to 20 and beyond. Children will be able to compare numbers within 20 and be able to identify which numbers are 1 more and 1 less than a given number. Also we will start to add two single digit number together and subtract a single digit number from a larger single digit number. Children will also start to sequence events.



Understanding the World

Our main focus this term is nature. The children will go on spring walks looking at habitats and naming plants, birds and minibeasts. They will grow beans and butterflies and will observe the changes through observational drawings and a class diary. The children will also look after the Reception garden.



Expressive Arts & Design

There will be lots of opportunities for children to observe plants and minibeasts to enable them to create their own artwork. They will experiment with movements and use musical instruments which reflect the sounds made by different minibeasts.

