



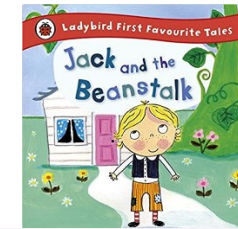
Down at the Bottom of the Garden

Reception

Summer 1 2024



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 circle times and story times when children can explore their feelings and consider the feelings of others. 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 be resilient when facing a challenge. We will talk about their accomplishments and encourage children to recognise their personal achievements.



Physical Development

This term the children will develop their control over an object by pushing, patting, throwing and kicking. They will take part in group activities to develop those skills. They will also use different equipment such as beanbags, hoops, cones and balls to develop their gross motor skills. They will continue to develop fine motor skills exploring malleable materials and using a range of tools and utensils. They will continue to develop control and increased fluency when writing.



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 continue to develop sentence building and applying the children's knowledge of all the GPC's learnt.

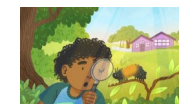


Maths

This term, we will be focusing on numbers to 20 and beyond. Children will be able to compare numbers within 20 and compare quantities up to 10 in different contexts, recognising when one quantity is greater than, less than or the same as the other quantity. They will be recalling number bonds up to at least 5, including subtraction facts. Also, we will be exploring and representing patterns within numbers, including evens and odds, double facts and learning how quantities can be distributed equally.

Understanding the World

Our main focus this term is nature. The children will be looking at habitats and naming plants, birds and minibeasts. They will grow beans and butterflies and will observe the changes over time. The children will also learn about the importance of looking after the environment.



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. They will help design and make 'bug hotels' and their own plant pots.

