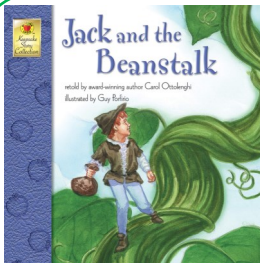




Friday 24th May



The children have really enjoyed our dinosaurs topic. We have learned lots about the features of dinosaurs and have learned about Carnivores, herbivores and Omnivores. After the half-term holiday, our final topic of the year will be traditional tales. We will explore a different tale each week as we develop our stamina for recalling, performing and writing longer stories ready for year 1. Our first traditional tale will be Jack and the Beanstalk.

Phonics

This week we have assessed the children's knowledge on our phase 4 decodable words as well as tricky words. We have been really impressed with everyone's progress and we thank you for continuing to support your children at home. Tricky words, or common exception words, are words that cannot be decoded with sounds alone and must be learned from memory. The best chance for your children to learn these words is by experiencing and seeing these words as much as possible both at school and at home. The full list of tricky words was sent attached to last week's newsletter—please look at these words with your children regularly to help them cement their confidence in recognising and using these really important words.

Reading

Please ensure that Yellow reading record books are in every day. Home reading is checked on Fridays when new books are assigned.

Maths This week we have finished assessing the children's knowledge of the maths taught so far in Reception. In our lessons, we have explored how large shapes can be made by piecing smaller shapes together. After the holidays, we will be exploring the concepts of sharing and grouping

P.E. & Forest School

After half-term, **Cygnets will have both P.E. and Forest School on a Tuesday.** Please can Cygnets come to school on Tuesdays in Forest School clothes. **Goslings will have P.E. on a Friday and Forest School as normal on Tuesdays.**

Balanceability

Balanceability sessions will continue as normal after the half term for a further 3 weeks. Goslings will be on a Thursday and Cygnets on a Friday. Children will need to be in outdoor P.E. kits for balanceability and long hair needs to be down to allow for secure helmet fittings.

Polite request

Our nursery staff have asked if you can refrain from entering our Reception playground via the Nursery gate. This is due to limited space and access available as well as posing a security and safeguarding threat with dropping off and picking up. Nursery pickup times are staggered compared to the rest of the school and additional footfall makes their handovers more challenging. Please only access and leave our playground via the Year 1 playground entrance and please don't enter our outdoor area for pickup before the year 1 entrance has been opened. Thank you.