

Literacy

We will be reading 'Jasper's Beanstalk' by Nick Butterworth this half term. Our non-fiction texts will focus on spring as a season and the life cycle of a chick. At the end of this half term, we will be reading 'The Easter Story'.

In Reception, we will begin to write simple captions and sentences independently using our phonic knowledge.

Phonics

In Nursery, we are continuing to develop our listening and attention skills (Phase 1). We will focus on one new sound each week, e.g. s, a, t, i, p, n.

In Reception, we will continue to learn different digraphs – two letters that make one sound, e.g. sh, ch, qu, ng, nk, ai. We will also be developing our knowledge of common exception words ('tricky words'), e.g. to, he, she, we, no, go.

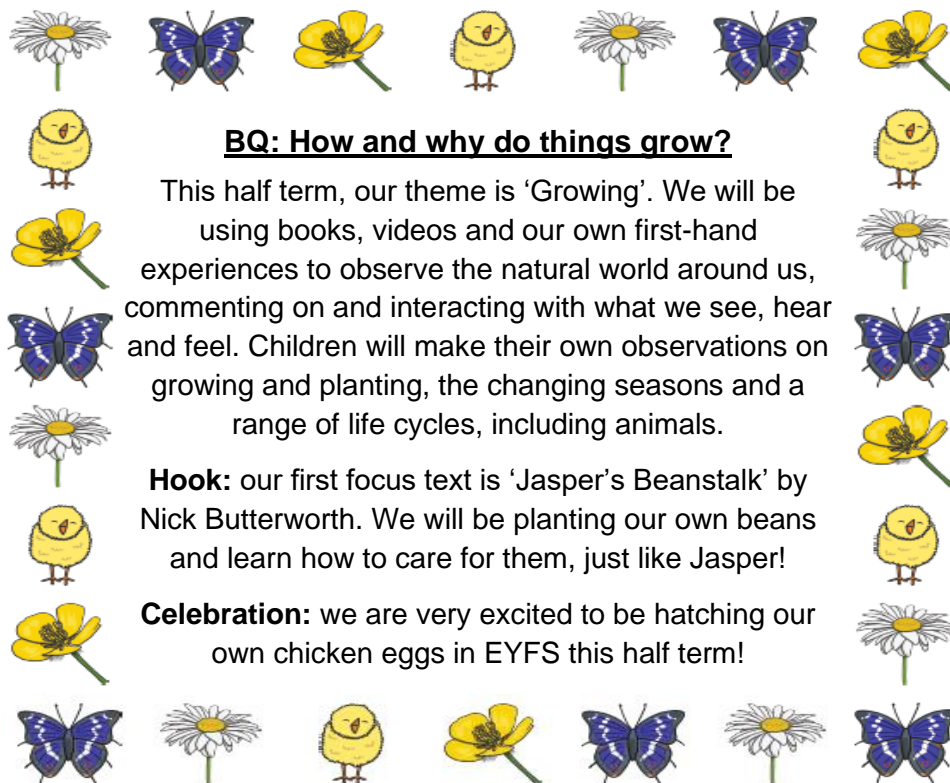
Maths

In Nursery, we will explore numerals 1, 2 and 3 and simple 2D and 3D shapes.

In Reception, we will introduce numerals 9 and 10 and use lots of manipulatives (such as counters, ten frames and our fingers) to understand the composition of each number. We will continue to count in different ways, such as by subitising to 5, comparing numbers and combining two groups. We will also focus on measurement, such as the length and height of our beanstalks.

Communication and Language

We will use talk to organise our thinking and develop our ideas, such as explaining how things work and why they might happen.

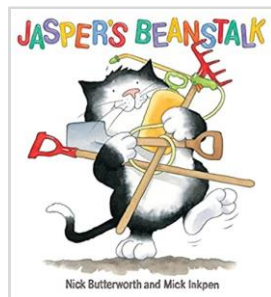


BQ: How and why do things grow?

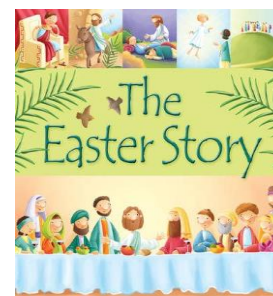
This half term, our theme is 'Growing'. We will be using books, videos and our own first-hand experiences to observe the natural world around us, commenting on and interacting with what we see, hear and feel. Children will make their own observations on growing and planting, the changing seasons and a range of life cycles, including animals.

Hook: our first focus text is 'Jasper's Beanstalk' by Nick Butterworth. We will be planting our own beans and learn how to care for them, just like Jasper!

Celebration: we are very excited to be hatching our own chicken eggs in EYFS this half term!



Texts



Snape Wood PRIDE and SCARF (PSHE)

Children will be focusing on Inquisitiveness, Respect and Empathy this half term.

In PSHE, our theme will be 'Rights and Respect'. Children will learn that they can make a difference in how they care for themselves, others and the world around them. We will also recognise the importance of building positive relationships and valuing the similarities and differences between ourselves and others.

Understanding the World

We will be exploring the natural world around us this half term. Children will make observations, comment on, ask questions and interact with what they see, hear and feel. We will make comparisons in our experiences, such as the similarities and differences between the changing seasons. We will also learn lots of new vocabulary, such as the key features of a plant – roots, stem, leaf, flower, pod.

Later on, we will read 'The Easter Story'. We will recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate in different ways, including identifying special places in the community. We will visit our local church as a whole school.

Physical Development

Both Nursery and Reception will have regular Dough Disco sessions this half term. Nursery will develop their fine motor experiences with Squiggle Whilst You Wiggle sessions, whilst Reception will focus on pencil control.

In Reception, our focus in PE is gymnastics. We will explore how we can move and balance in different ways, including using small and large equipment to travel around, under and through. Children will create their own simple gymnastics sequence.

Expressive Arts and Design

We are excited to now have our very own stage in our EYFS garden! We will use different instruments, material and props to create our own musical performances.

Our focus nursery rhymes are: 'Old MacDonald Had A Farm', '5 Speckled Frogs' and 'Hop Little Bunnies'.