

### Expressive Arts and Design

Your child will be given the opportunity to further develop their drawing, painting and making skills relating to our topic. This will include experimenting with a variety of materials in two and three dimensions, colour mixing and observational drawings.

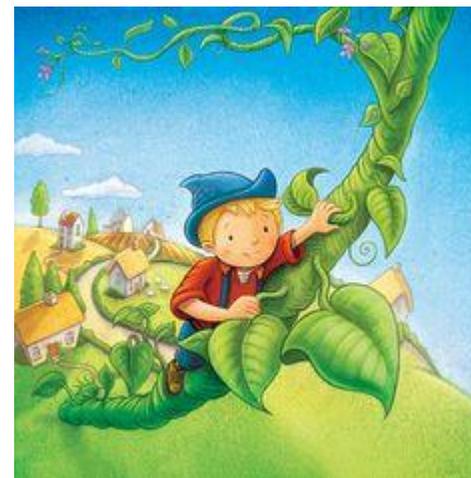


In music, the children will choose and order musical sounds to achieve an effect and select instruments for a purpose. We will be looking at beats and making rhythms. In the final term they will be singing simple songs from memory, with expression and a sense of the shape of the melody. They will use their voices confidently in a variety of ways, listen carefully and recall short rhythmic and melodic patterns.

### Homework

Weekly-a maths or literacy based activity, which will reinforce work done in class, as well as continuing to learn their spellings (please refer to the separate spelling letter sent previously, if you need another letter then please ask)

Daily-read or share their reading book with an adult. It is important to ask your child questions about the story to ensure they understand what they have read without using the pictures.



Reception Year  
Term 5

**Topic: Living and Growing**

The final two terms in Class R will provide an important opportunity for your child to consolidate their learning and begin the transition into KS1. To help us do this we will be joining Year 1 for some of our activities and will join the whole school for our June Festival celebrations.

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

During Healthy School Week we will be looking at how to keep our bodies healthy and strong. We will also be covering a unit of work called 'Living and Growing' where we will discuss the changes of Spring, take a close look at plants and mini-beasts and look at various lifecycles.

### Communication, Language and Literacy

Your child will continue to develop their knowledge of sounds and blends. They will be using this knowledge to sound out and write both simple regular words and more complex words, they will also continue to learn spellings of irregular words for homework. As a class we will be reading stories about Percy the Park Keeper, Jack and the Beanstalk, plus poems and information books about living and growing. Writing activities will be linked to the tale Jack and the Beanstalk, this will also play a big part in our role play area and imaginative play. Your child will be encouraged to write simple sentences independently, remembering to use a capital letter and a full stop. Reading books will be changed on Monday, Wednesday and Friday wherever possible and should be read on a daily basis at home.

Your child will be encouraged to improve their speaking and listening skills by sharing their news with the class, using the various role play areas, and answering questions about the stories we've read.

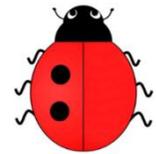
### Physical Development

Your child will be taking part in various dance, gymnastic and games activities, these will culminate in them performing dances at our June Festival and competing in our Olympic style Sports Day! During Healthy School Week we will be learning about the importance of healthy eating and exercise.

PE Day - Thursday

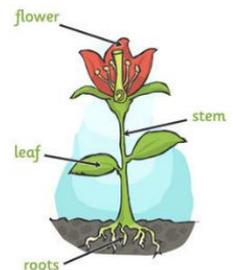
### Mathematics

The main focus for this term will be to develop the children's problem solving skills, involving recognising, counting, ordering, adding and subtracting numbers to twenty and beyond. Your child will also learn about doubling, halving, measures, shapes, patterns and symmetry. These will be taught in a practical way which will be challenging and fun.



### Understanding the World

This area of learning will be based on the topic 'Living and Growing' and we will be growing our own plants here at school. (Any donations of seeds, compost or unwanted plants would be gratefully received!)



Your child will continue to be taught how to use the computers, laptops and I-pads and the various programs and apps on them. In order to improve their keyboard skills it would be very helpful if your child could learn how to type their name using a keyboard, either on a laptop or PC.