

19th February

We will be introducing our new topic 'The world around us'. During this topic we will answer some key questions: What are the different seasons? What is the weather like in each season? What do plants need to grow? What does Easter mean to Christians? What does my family celebrate?

This week we will be reading the story 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. We will be role playing the story together, using character masks and recalling key events. We will plant our own 'magic' beans - I hope ours do not lead to a giant! We will begin to keep a diary of how our beans grow, measuring how tall the beanstalks are and drawing pictures of them, carrying this on across the term. This will help us to understand how to look after plants and what they need to grow.

11th March

This week we will be taking part in British Science Week, where the theme is 'Time'. We will continue to look after our plants, observing changes that we see. We will read a book called 'Eggs to Chickens' and will find out about the lifecycle of a chicken. We will be having some very egg-citing new members of our class to look after this week. The children will have some real-life, hands-on experience of the egg to chicken lifecycle.

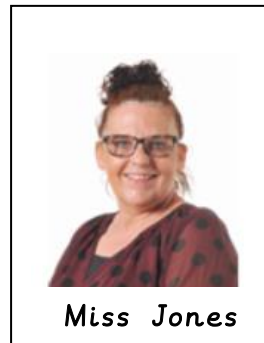


26th February

We will continue to read the story 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. Children will use small world figures to act out the story and will be able to retell the story independently. They will use their knowledge of the story to sequence pictures and some children will add labels and captions. We will be introducing a 'Conversation Station' where children can sit and talk about their learning and interests, using pictures and prompts to support the use of new vocabulary. We will put our new knowledge about what plants need to grow, by choosing and planting some fruit and vegetable seeds. We will also be receiving delivery of potato growing kits. How exciting!



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18th March

This last week of term we will have a focus on Easter Celebrations. We will revisit the Bible story, focusing on rebirth and the importance of Jesus's sacrifice. We will learn about how Easter is celebrated across the world in different cultures and religions. We will also celebrate Easter in school with another parent 'crafternoon' (dates to follow).

The children will continue to be gardeners and to look after our now (hopefully) growing vegetable patch.

As we are thinking about 'new life', we will be breathing new life into the garden area at school, cleaning it and adding new plants for the whole school to enjoy.

4th March

This week, we will continue to be gardeners and look after our beans (filling in our diaries) as well as our fruit and vegetable seeds. We will look at non-fiction books about the seasons and weather. We will name the 4 seasons and find out about weather that typically happens in each season. We will keep a weather chart for the week. As it is Mother's Day on 10th March, we will finish the week by honouring the mother figures in our lives. We will prepare a surprise for them on 7th March (details to follow).

Phonics

Many of the children will be moving on to 'ditty sheets' or phonics reading books this term. Ditty sheets will be sent home on a Friday to practise reading short sentences at home. Phonics reading books will be sent home for your child to consolidate their learning. Children will be sent home with sounds to practice and links to videos to support children's blending will also be sent home.

Information

PE will remain on a **Monday**, please continue to bring your child to school dressed in PE kit, consisting of the St Martin's blue polo, black or blue joggers/shorts and black pumps. Please label each item with your child's name.

Children will need to bring their book bags to school each day.