

## 24<sup>th</sup> Feb and 3<sup>rd</sup> March

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?

We will be starting this topic off with our new text 'That's MY Flower!' Children will be looking at the new season of Spring and the changes it brings with it. We will be thinking about what clothing is appropriate for the new season as well as what is best to wear throughout Summer, Autumn and Winter. We will also be going on a Spring hunt through our field and forest to see what signs of spring we can spot!

## 24<sup>th</sup> March/ 31<sup>st</sup> March

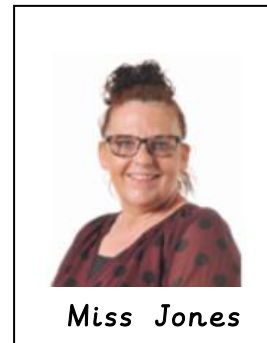
We will be continuing to look after our plants, observing any changes that we see. Our text this week will be a book called 'Eggs to Chickens' and we will be finding out all about the lifecycle of a chicken. We will be having some very egg-citing new members of our class to look after the week beginning the 31<sup>st</sup> of March, so we need to make sure we know all we need to before they arrive! The children will have some real-life, hands-on experience of the egg to chicken lifecycle.

## 10<sup>th</sup> March/17<sup>th</sup> March

This week we will be introduced to our new text 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. We will be role playing the story together, using character masks and recalling key events. We will be practising our drawing skills whilst drawing key events from the story and then using our phonic knowledge to write about them. We will also be planting our very own 'magic' beans – although I hope ours do not lead to a giant! We will be keeping a diary of how our beans grow and measuring how tall they get. This will help us to understand how to look after plants and what they need in order to grow.



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## Maths

This half term children will be continuing to embed their mathematical knowledge. They will be introduced to take away and will be working on how to complete subtraction maths stories. Children will also be starting to learn about 'one less' and how to find one less in amounts to 10. They will end the term with a focus on different shapes and comparing them to each other as well as creating their very own repeated pattern.

## Phonics

Many of the children will be moving on to ditty sheets or phonics reading books where they will be learning 'special friends' and how to use 'special friends, Fred talk, read the word.' Some children may even be learning how to 'Fred in their head'. Reading material will be sent home accordingly along with a reading record. It is important that these come to school with your child every day.

## 7<sup>th</sup> April

This last week of term we will have a focus on Easter Celebrations. We will be revisiting 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.

As we are thinking about 'new life' we can link this to our very special guests in school which I am sure the children will be telling you all about! We will also be breathing new life into the garden area at school, cleaning it and adding new plants for the whole school to enjoy.

## Information

PE will remain on a **Wednesday and Friday**. Please continue to bring your child to school dressed in PE kit, consisting of a 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 and a water bottle to school each day.

### Parents' Evening

We hope that you can join us on either Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March to look at your child's books and to discuss their progress. Please book your appointment to join us.