

# STAPLEFORD COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear parents and carers,

Thank you again for another wonderful term at Stapleford Nursery. I know it has been a tricky one with staff absences, but as always we appreciate your patience and support.

This letter will outline what we will be focusing on this term and the activities we will be providing to facilitate your children's learning.

## Topic

Our Core Book for the Spring 2 Term is 'Jack and the Beanstalk.' This story will be a starting point for a large focus on planting and looking after our environment and living things. We will be beginning the term by introducing the story and all the children will be planting their own bean, discussing how we do this and the life cycle of a plant. We would love to continue to focus on planting throughout the term; therefore if you have any seeds, plants or anything else that lends itself to this focus that you would like to donate, please do not hesitate to let me know. Within this topic we will be looking at different fairytale stories and language and vocabulary involved when retelling these stories e.g. 'once upon a time.'

## Literacy and Maths

In Literacy we will be focusing on retelling our core book and fairytale stories through extended conversations and of course through our provision areas such as the role play area, small world and construction. We will continue to revisit and implement daily rhyming activities to give the children a deeper understanding of what rhyming is. We have begun to explore syllables by clapping the syllables in our names and we will continue to explore this throughout our daily routines so that the children become confident with this skill.

In Maths, we will intertwine the children's Literacy and Maths skills and vocabulary by teaching language to describe a sequence of events e.g. '**First** Jack climbed up the beanstalk, **then** he found a castle' etc. The core book lends itself to revisiting and exploring size language, creating cross curricular links by planting beans, but then observing how our plants change over time by comparing and describing their size. Number will also continue to be part of our daily learning which we use and practise within many of our daily routines.

## Phonics

In Phonics we have begun splitting the children into groups to identify and support each child's learning stage and individual needs. We implement Phonics activities three times per week to support children with their listening and attention skills, as well as challenging them to learn new skills such as naming and exploring instruments, rhyming and identifying initial sounds of words.



### **Outdoor Learning and PE**

The children have continued to love the outdoor moat sessions on a weekly basis. This term the **moat session** will be on a **Tuesday morning**. Please send your child to Nursery in old jeans or jogging bottoms (not shorts), a long-sleeved t-shirt, a sweatshirt or fleece and a waterproof coat. We do have waterproof trousers in school, however if your child has their own waterproof clothing please send them in these too, as well as wellies. It will also be useful to send in a spare pair of shoes for them to change into after their moat session as the wellies often get muddy. In winter, extra layers, thick wooly socks over their normal socks, a warm coat, gloves and a hat are advisable.

We will continue to do PE on a weekly basis in the hall. However this term **PE will be on Thursday mornings**. We have recently begun introducing apparatus into these sessions which the children have responded extremely well to, following instructions and using the apparatus safely. The children do PE in the clothes they come to Nursery in, so please be mindful to send them in comfortable clothing on the day we do PE.

### **Dates for the Diary**

3rd March-World Book Day: the children can come dressed as their favourite story character and bring in one book to share with their teacher's and friends.

4th-18th April – Easter Holidays

Tuesday 19th April – Staff Training Day

### **Questions and concerns**

Please do not hesitate to come and see me if you have any questions or concerns and do feel free to email me via the Nursery email [nursery@staplefordprimaryschool.org](mailto:nursery@staplefordprimaryschool.org)

I hope this information has been useful, and look forward to an interesting and enjoyable term.

Yours sincerely,  
Miss Davies