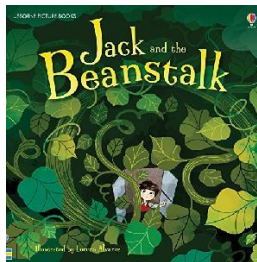




Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have settled back brilliantly after the Easter break - we can't believe it's Term 5 already! We'd also like to give a warm Windmill welcome to our new children and families.



Our first story this term is the traditional tale '**Jack and the Beanstalk**'. Over the next few weeks, we will be getting to know this story well. We will act it out, grow beans in special greenhouses, plant our garden, change our home area into a castle and lots more!

This term, one of our Nursery toys will be coming home with your child for a sleepover! Please bring the toy back in the morning, so we can hear about their adventures!

Celebrations: May Day, Outdoor Maths week

Dates for your Diaries

- Wednesday 1st May - Our Windmill Morris dancers would love you to join them in the hall at 2.30pm as they welcome the merry month of May! Please can your child wear a white or plain coloured T shirt. Children who do not usually come on Wednesdays are very welcome to join us in Nursery at 2.20pm.
- Monday 6th May BANK HOLIDAY. CLOSED
- Thursday 9th May - Mill Lane May Day celebrations at 9.15 am. Please join the School for traditional Maypole dancing and the crowning of the May King and Queen. All welcome.
- Friday 24th May - Last day of term 5.
- Monday 3rd June - CLOSED: INSET Day for Nursery and School

Phonics This term we will continue our Little Wandle Phase 1 activities which provides the children with a firm foundation for phonics, ready for Reception (Activities include listening to and making sounds, rhyming words, alliteration in our 'silly soups' and segmenting & blending) This term, we'll also 'squiggle while we wiggle', to our

favourite pop songs as well as 'write' some graphemes (letters) and hold a pen with our 'pecking' fingers. Our aim is to make learning fun and for the children to 'have a go'!

Can you help?

- We are keen to make a growing area in our garden. Do you have any spare plants eg strawberries, tomatoes, peas etc?
- Do you know anyone who has office stationery they no longer need? eg paper, card, envelopes

Class Fund Many thanks for your **£2 donations**. This helps us offer a rich and varied sensory curriculum to stimulate your child's learning. We have used your donations to buy ingredients for cooking, compost, garden seeds, things for our African snail as well as small 'extras' for our class.

Warmer Weather Reminders

- Please bring a **named sun hat** (we have some spares in the classroom)
- Label any sun cream. Staff are not permitted to apply the cream but can supervise. Please can your child practise at home, as it can get quite messy!
- We ask that children do not wear croc style sandals.

And finally... We really want both your child and you to feel happy at Nursery. If you have any concerns or anxieties (however small they may seem), please do let us know.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mrs Payne, Mrs Hardstaff, Mrs Maxwell and Mrs Rockall