



Dear Parents,

Our focus this term is - **One Upon A Time - Jack and the Beanstalk**

For the week beginning **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**We will be:**

Measuring time

Make a rhyming string.

Retelling the story of Jack and the Beanstalk.

Planting cress and talking about what plants need to grow.

**Read Write Inc and Reading:** The children are now in two groups based on their phonics sound knowledge and reading skills. This ensures that all children are working at the right level for their ability which is the best way to ensure progress and confidence in their reading skills. You may notice different coloured books coming home. All the books in the reading pack should be read at home, we encourage at least five reads a week. It is also important to practise reading the Story Green words, Red words and Speedy Green words, as well as the story.

I have noticed that when I hear the children read individually, their confidence to read and their speed of reading has really increased. I am aware that you may think the books that come home, particularly the 'Storybook' used in lessons may appear to be 'too easy' for them to read. This is not the case, it is more the fact they have practised them several times in the lessons and are now fluently reading the text. At that point, we also need to check their comprehension skills and they understand what they are reading and can answer simple questions. They should re-read the books at home and practise the skills they have been taught in the lesson. A big thank you for all the help you give your children with their reading and the encouragement to read at home. It really does make a difference.

You may have heard the children talk about their 'Reading Beads'. Every time they read at home they collect a bead, when the whole class has 20 beads each they receive a reward. We were very pleased to finally achieve this in the last week of the term. We got to have an extra special playtime at the park!

Kind regards, Miss Fairey and Mrs Dennis