



Jack and the

Beanstalk



Penguins and Zebras

Topic Leaflet Spring Term 2

This half term the children will be focusing on some 'giant' books! We will be basing our learning around 'Jack and the Beanstalk' but will also be comparing the giant in that story to the very kind 'Smartest Giant in Town'

We will be looking at features of stories like 'the beginning, middle & end' and the characters. We will all be having a go at sounding out words we don't know to make our own sentences and stories. We will continue working hard to get onto the Beehive each week for a special Friday treat.

You can support your child's learning in reading and writing by reading at home each night, encouraging your child to practice their RWI speed sounds, green and red words and completing the weekly homework. Ask your child to look for writing around them in road signs, items in the home such as food packets and tins, and encourage them to help you by writing lists for the shopping or 'to do' notes.

Help their fine motor skills by asking them to help with the cooking, cut with scissors, use tongs or tweezers, and complete jigsaws or other puzzles. Playdough, colouring and painting also boost fine motor skills and in turn help strengthen their hands for writing.

### Important Dates

24th February 8.45am - Term starts

4<sup>TH</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> March - Parents Evenings

6<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day Dress Up

16<sup>th</sup> March 9am - Parents welcome to watch writing

20<sup>th</sup> March - Local farm visiting Year R

20<sup>th</sup> March - Mothers Day Lunch

24<sup>th</sup> March 2.45pm Zebra Class Assembly

31<sup>st</sup> March 2.45pm Penguin Class Assembly

3<sup>rd</sup> April - Inset day - School Closed

6<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Holidays

20<sup>th</sup> April - 8.45am Term starts

### Maths

The children are really enjoying using 'the numberblocks' to help them with their maths.

So far we have learnt counting to 10, 2D or flat shapes, 3D (solid) shapes, repeating patterns, sharing and number recognition & formation.

This term we will be measuring height, weighing, adding and subtracting, doubling and partitioning (breaking down a number).

You can help your child improve their maths by

- Completing the weekly maths challenge
- Looking out for numbers in the environment
- Counting to 20 and down from 20 to zero