

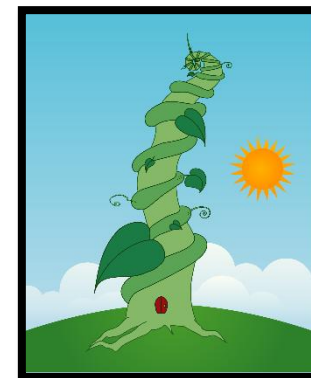
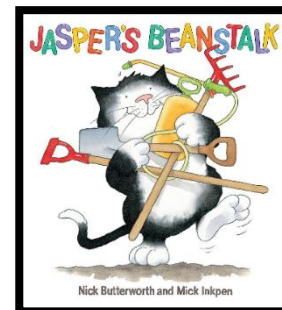


# Kingsthorpe Village Primary School Curriculum Newsletter 2026

Reception Summer term

Welcome back to the new term. We hope you all had an enjoyable and restful Easter. We are looking forward to starting the Summer term with our new topic 'In the Garden'.

In this topic we will be learning about the growth of plants and will be focusing on the story of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and 'Jaspers Beanstalk'. We will also be exploring minibeasts and their habitats and will have the opportunity to watch the amazing transformation of caterpillars to beautiful butterflies.



### Personal, Social and Emotional Development (Prime)

#### **We will be:**

- Encouraging the children to think about how their actions affect others. How did Jack's actions affect the giant? Was he right to steal?
- Taking part in a circle time role playing scenarios which may occur within a normal day (sharing, disagreements etc) and talking about solutions.
- Talking about how to show care for the minibeasts that we observe and discussing the importance of returning them to where they were found.
- Taking part in a circle time about children's strengths and abilities. I am good at... I can... and encouraging children to think about what they can do now that they could not do before they started school.

### Communication and Language (prime area) and Literacy (specific area)

#### **We will be:**

- Reading the key texts: Jaspers Beanstalk, Jack and the Beanstalk, Oliver's Vegetables, The Very Hungry Caterpillar and Monkey Puzzle.
- Children will be encouraged to discuss the stories and make comments which show their understanding of how and why questions.
- Sharing stories which focus on why questions (Why is the sky blue?) and talking about what a question is.
- Encouraging children to talk about what they can see when observing the seeds, plants and minibeasts.
- Retelling the story of Jack and Beanstalk and The Very Hungry Caterpillar using familiar words and pictures.
- Writing a bean diary and fact books about minibeasts, including 'What am I?' lift the flap books.
- Labelling parts of a flower and parts of an insect.
- Writing down mud kitchen recipes to compile a class 'Recipe' book.

### Expressive Art and Design (Specific area)

#### **We will be:**

- Using collage materials to create flower art.
- Observational watercolour paintings of real flowers.
- Painting pictures of 'Sunflowers' By Vincent Van Gogh.
- Making salt dough models of Minibeasts.
- Making models of minibeasts with junk modelling materials.

### Mathematics (Specific area)

#### **We will be:**

- Solving addition and subtraction problems using real beans, magic beans, seeds, golden eggs and minibeasts.
- Introducing doubling, halving and sharing activities.
- Playing 3D shape games to encourage children to discuss properties.
- Recognising numbers to 20, putting them in the correct order and finding out the number which is one more and one less.
- Using beans and real vegetables to explore weight.
- Exploring symmetry and pattern using butterflies.

### Understanding the World (Specific)

#### **We will be:**

- Planting cress seeds, beans and sunflower seeds.
- Making observations of them growing and talking about what they need to grow.
- Writing instructions for planting a seed.
- Using the paint software on the computers to create beanstalks and flowers.
- Writing on the speech bubble whiteboard and taking photos of each other using the ipads.

### Physical Development (Prime area)

#### **We will be:**

- Reading the texts 'Olivers Vegetables' and 'Stinky Jack and the Beanstalk' to prompt discussion about healthy lifestyles.
- Sorting healthy and unhealthy food and drawing a healthy meal.
- Getting ready for Sports Day with races, team games and going on the field for PE.
- Taking part in a scarf dance using Tchaikovsky - Nutcracker 'Waltz of the flowers'.

### PE

Our PE slot is currently on a Thursday afternoon. Please ensure that your child has a **named** t-shirt, shorts and trainers/plimsolls for this lesson. As we approach Sports Day we will be going out on the field for some PE lessons once the weather is warmer.

This term the children will also have the chance to take part in **balancability** sessions which focusses on using balance and pedal bikes on the playground with trained coaches. Please can you ensure that long hair is tied up in a low ponytail. The ponytail needs to be low in order to get helmets on.

### Warm weather

If we are lucky enough to have sunny days this term please remember to provide your child with a **named** sun hat.

If you would like them to have sunscreen on at school bring it to school in a labelled bottle and apply it before school to all exposed areas of skin. We will ensure that it is applied again in the afternoon if required.

### Snack

Please continue to provide your child with a snack e.g. a piece of fruit, vegetable sticks or a yoghurt.

We do have school fruit in school which all children can help themselves to.

Please ensure your child has their named water bottles. We do not have squash in school so if your child's bottle is empty we will provide water.

### Reading

The children will read with an adult and have their books changed once a week.

Please read at home as much as you can and remember to write in the homework diary each time you read. Please keep your child's reading book, homework diary and plastic wallet in their book bag at all times. These things need to be in school every day.

**Thank you very much for your continued support and commitment to your**

**Early Years Team.**