

# Foundation Stage 2 Newsletter Summer 1 2017



## Beanstalks and Castles!



This half term, our learning will focus around planting, growing, castles, knights and princesses! We will be going on a trip to Bolsover Castle. We will have an exciting time in the classroom, where we will grow all sorts of plants and investigate how things grow. Our key stories will be Jack and the Beanstalk and Jasper's Beanstalk.

### Personal, social and emotional development.

We will be focusing on:

- Talking about how they and others show feelings, talk about their own and others' behaviour, and its consequences.
- Making sure we try to do things ourselves and helping others.

### Communication and Language development.

We will be focusing on:

- Making up different stories in our play.
- Speaking to others with confidence (in front of the class).

### Physical development

We will be learning about:

- What we can do to keep healthy and safe
- How to work as part of a team when playing games.

### Literacy

Our stories this half term will be Jack and the Beanstalk and Jasper's Beanstalk. We will be re-telling them, making up different endings and writing sentences about what happens in the stories. There will be a lot of time for creativity and acting out the stories too!

### Numeracy

We will be focusing on addition and subtraction including doubling and halving numbers to 20, using mathematical language to describe 3D shapes, discussing the right language to use when talking about measuring.

### Expressive arts and design

We will be using different media to create textures and effects.  
  
We will be making instruments and learning how to make patterns with them and using them to accompany our singing.

### Understanding the world

We will be focusing on talking about the differences and similarities between a variety of living things and plants. We will also be using the computers to find out information.

### Things to remember:

- ✚ We will be going on a school trip to Bolsover Castle on 10<sup>th</sup> April.
- ✚ Your child needs a water bottle and PE kit in school every day
- ✚ 8.40-8.50 is time for reading with your child in the classroom. Please help us to provide a calm start to the day for the children by making sure you are sitting down and reading with your child during this time.