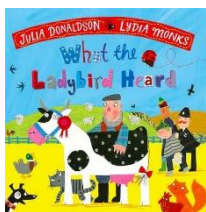
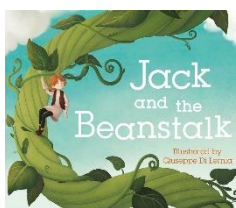


# Year Group Information Sheet for Parents – Reception

## Spring 2



In Reception, our reading canon books are Jack and the Beanstalk and What the Ladybird Heard.

Both of these books allow us to learn about life-cycles and will inspire some exciting experiences as we grow our own bean plants, visit the farm and look after some special, fluffy visitors once they hatch from their eggs.

Find out more details below!

In **English**, we will continue to build our independence with sentence writing and focus on spelling using our phonics knowledge. We will learn to write diaries as we observe our bean plants and our fluffy visitors, whilst also creating recounts to tell everyone about our school trip.

In **Mathematics** this half-term, we will be learning to double numbers using manipulatives, as well as learning to quickly recall some doubles facts. We will begin learning to divide by simply sharing amounts into groups using objects.

### In our topic-driven afternoons we will be:

#### History

We will look at photos of farming both past and present to understand how this has changed over time and to find out where our food comes from.

#### Geography

In Geography, we will continue to compare rural and urban environments, considering why animals prefer certain habitats.

#### Science

In Science, we will be learning about different life cycles and ordering these. We will develop our observation skills as we grow our own bean plants, learning what plants need to grow and stay healthy. There will be lots of excitement as an incubator containing eggs arrives in our class. We will watch the animals hatch and notice how the animals develop over time. We will learn about different animals' offspring and what animals need to live healthy lives. Whilst exploring farming, we will also learn the importance of having a healthy diet and the 5 a day recommendation.

#### Art & Design

In Art, we will be looking at the work of Georgia O'Keeffe and using her work to inspire our own observational drawings and paintings of plants.

#### PSHE

In PSHE, we will be revisiting the PANTS rules and learning about the importance of consent when touching others, such as when we give hugs. We will also learn to care for others, including animals, as we look after our fluffy class visitors.

#### Music

In Music, we will be listening to folk music and learning to sing Easter songs ahead of Easter celebrations.

#### RE

In RE, we will be learning about why Easter is an important time for Christians. We will read the Easter story and visit the local church to take part in an Easter service.

#### PE

Our lessons this half-term will focus upon gymnastics. We will develop our balance both on and off apparatus.

### You can help your child's learning by:

- ✓ Talking to me about the topics I've been learning in school.
- ✓ Reading me a story at bedtime and talking to me about it.
- ✓ Helping me practise my sounds/blending/reading each night.

### Homework:

Your child is expected to read at home daily for 5 – 10 minutes. Your child will be given reading material suitable for their current stage.

Please write a comment in your child's Reading Record and return these on Mondays and Fridays so new reading material can be provided.