

24th April, 2023

Dear Parents,

Thank you so much for the seed packets you have sent in. We have a lovely collection and will spend lots of time planting them this week.

We are basing our work on two books this week 'Jack and the beanstalk' and "Jasper's beanstalk." We will plant beans and encourage the children to watch closely for any changes and record them in a simple bean diary. They will also record how tall they grow. We will compare the length and height of other things too. Perhaps you could try this with your child at home especially looking back at height charts and working out how much they have grown!

In maths, through practical activities and games, the children will reason about numbers and think carefully about which is more or less. They will use linear number tracks to play games that encourage them to compare numbers that are far apart, near and next to each other. (For example, 10 is a lot more than 2 but 5 is only 1 more than 4.)

In phonics, we are consolidating all the sounds taught so far and learning new HRS words (little, one, do, out and children). Please let us know how your child is getting on with their reading at home, for example if they are finding a book too easy or too difficult. As children begin to become more fluent with reading please encourage them to have a go at sharing the reading of the library book - for example reading all the short 3 letter words. These books provide far more diverse and interesting language than the scheme books and really broaden a child's vocabulary.

Best wishes

The Acorn Team