



This Week in Reception

This week we have been looking at fairy tales and we have been reading Jack and the Beanstalk. The children have been thinking about what makes a good fairy tale as well as thinking about what characters they would be if they wrote their own. In our maths lessons we have been looking at doubling and halving. The children have really grasped this concept well, especially when we have been sharing out sweets. Our topic this term is the "Secret Garden" so we have started our science lessons looking at plants. The children have been discussing what plants need to grow and we have been searching our field to see what plants we have. The children loved exploring on the field especially in our new woodland area. We had a special visitor in school on Monday who taught the children some key gymnastic skills and I know the whole class loved showing off their skills. Mrs Gingell and I were certainly impressed with all the headstands and roly-polys that we observed.

We have also enjoyed looking at all the photos on Tapestry from your Easter holidays. The children have been taking it in turns to talk in front of the whole class about their fun holidays and it is great to see the children outside of school having fun and learning lots of new skills.

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Next week we will be continuing to look at Jack and the Beanstalk in our literacy lessons. We will be thinking about the characters and trying to write a new class version of the story. We are continuing to look at doubling and halving in our maths lessons leading on to odd and even numbers. In our art lessons we are going to look at different art by Vincent Van Gogh and the children will be attempting to recreate some of his famous paintings for a display in class. Throughout the week we are going to be looking at parts of a plant and the children will be planting their own sunflowers that will be sent home as part of a competition.

Next week throughout school we are having an Extreme English week so alongside this we will be doing lots of literacy based activities through other lessons and throughout continuous provision. On Thursday we are having a carousel morning where the children will be taking parts in activities in Mrs Lucarelli's and Mrs Ramsay's class. On this day the children can dress up as their favourite book character. Please be mindful that we are a church school so costumes that are appropriate and fit in with our Christian ethos would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Homework - As part of Extreme English next week we would like the children to design a front cover for their favourite book. This competition is running throughout school and winners of this will be announced on Thursday. This should be your child's work and can be displayed however your child wishes. You will find a template in your child's book bag but if they wish to do their own then that is fine as well. All entries to be submitted by Monday 16th April. I will look forward to seeing all of your great designs.

Congratulations

All the staff and children would like to wish Max Cook and his family huge congratulations on the safe arrival of their gorgeous, new baby Emily who was born over half term. Welcome to the world little Emily.

