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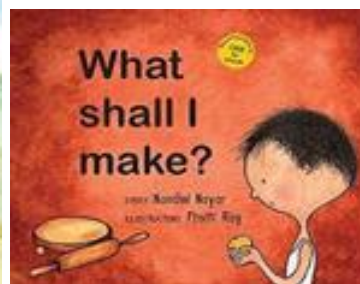
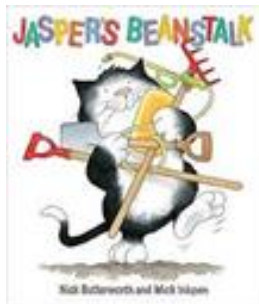


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Dear parents/carers,

Welcome to our Nursery Newsletter for the spring 2 term of 2026. We are going to be reading these stories together over the next few weeks:



We will read '**Jasper's Beanstalk**' as we learn about looking after our environment and providing the insects and birds around us with new plants and flowers ready for their arrival. The story also helps us continue our learning of sequencing as Jasper carries out different gardening tasks each day. We will be planting seeds in nursery to look at changes over time.

We will read the story '**The Runaway Pancake**' this is part of our learning around celebrations as we begin to learn about Lent and that some of our friends and families may celebrate this and how we can celebrate special times together. Children will make and share some pancakes together in class, delicious!

The next story is '**What Shall I Make?**' This story is about a little boy who likes to help his mum when she is making dinner. He has lots of fun using his imagination to make different animals using his chapatti dough.

To support our learning, you could do these activities with your family:

- Let your children help you make the dinner, chopping vegetables or even making animals with any dough you may have.
- Count how many birds you see when you are out walking.
- Share some pancakes together talking about your favourite topping for your pancakes.

We will continue to teach phonics through activities to support your children's listening, attention and language skills. Each week we will focus on a new letter sound, ask the nursery staff and we will be happy to share which sound we are learning each week.

As mathematicians, we will be continuing our work on numbers and our skills of subitising, counting and capacity and mass. These are the key words to help your children: tall, short, long, full, empty.

- At home, you could ask your children to count how many people are in your family.
- At dinner time, your children could fill the cups for you to be full, nearly full or nearly empty.

Nursery **'stay and play' sessions** are an integral part of your children's learning; these sessions take place every Tuesday when you drop your child off at school. We would like to invite you to join your child for half an hour at the beginning of their nursery session. This provides the opportunity for your child to share with you their favourite things to do while they are in nursery.

We will continue to play outside in all weathers, so please make sure your child has a **waterproof coat every day**. This time of year, with the cold weather, we are practising getting ourselves dressed in hats scarves and gloves. You can support your child's independence by letting them do it by themselves at home too.

Please could we remind all parents that children in nursery should come to school in their **uniform every day**. On PE days, children should still wear their uniform but can wear trainers, please **do not** come in sandals or wellies to school.

We would like to ask that you **bring a bag with spare clothes** as children can get wet from playing in the water, washing their hands or having a toilet accident. All children are encouraged to be independent as they prepare for moving to their reception class and learning to go to the toilet and washing their hands is a vital self-care skill. **If you would like support to begin toilet training, please speak to the nursery staff as we will support you and your child with their independence skills.**

Being messy is an important part of the nursery journey and your children will be encouraged to join in with messy activities. We ask that you embrace this messy fun with them and encourage them to 'get messy' each day.

Thank you for your continued support,

The Nursery Team