



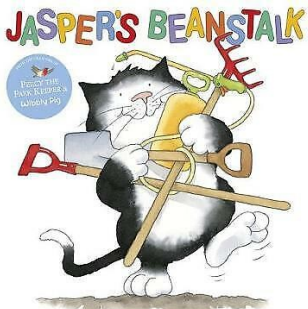
# Reception Class Newsletter



Friday 19th April 2024

  Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to our parents/carers and children; we hope you enjoyed quality family time over the Easter break. The children have returned to school to find a flower shop in our outdoor area. Our flower shop will promote the children's mathematical skills e.g., counting money to pay for flowers in the shop and children's literacy skills e.g., writing order forms. Activities surrounding the flower shop will serve to promote children's understanding of the world. You can see our flower shop on our twitter feed [@stannestanleyf2](#). Next week, we will be planting seeds with a view to observing how the seeds grow and change over time.



Nick Butterworth & Mick Inkpen

Role play in our flower shop together with planting seeds links with our anchor text for this half term 'Jasper's Beanstalk' by Nick Butterworth and Mick Inkpen. Our anchor text promotes the mathematical area of measure with a focus on time i.e. the days of the week.

You can support your child to develop their understanding of time by discussing the days of the week with a focus on what happens on each day. Our anchor text links with our maths current maths focus on length, height and time. In relation to time, we have been observing a range of timers that measure different units of time. We have encouraged the children to explore measuring time in a variety of ways. How many star jumps can they do in 30 seconds or how many beanbags can they throw into the hoop in one minute? You can support your child's developing understanding of time by challenging and supporting them to use a timer to measure how long it takes to do various activities asking questions such as 'What can you do in one minute?' and 'How long does it take you to ...?' We hope you have a fun time exploring time!

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Bell and Miss Murphy