



# Year R Learning Letter

## Friday 10th February 2023

Edition No. 8

Welcome to our last learning letter for this half term. This marks the halfway point of your child's journey in EYFS. We are so proud of the progress they have all made so far. We will start the new half term with the story of Jasper's Beanstalk and, as part of our learning, we will be germinating seeds. With this in mind, please could you provide a named plastic bottle, with the top cut off, to be used as planters during the first week back. We wanted to thank you all for your continued enthusiasm this half term and wish you a happy half term break, we hope you all have a lovely holiday and return to school refreshed!

In the last 2 weeks we have...

- Talked about our hopes and dreams in Jigsaw
- Developed our mathematical language using stem sentences with 'more than' and 'fewer than'
- Recorded our samba dance for the NDPS Glitter Ball Challenge
- Completed phase 2 letters and sounds
- Compared old and new cars
- Enjoyed seeing an old bus, a Tesla, an army land rover, a Caterham 7, an Aston Martin on Transport Day
- Had a fabulous experience learning about fire safety with the Dorking Fire Brigade!

### Reminders

- Please send in a water bottle every day
- No water bottles in book bags please

### Wanted

- Any seeds we could plant
- Old wool
- Junk modelling resources, nothing bigger than a cereal box please.

### Reading

Please remember to listen to your child read **every day** as this is so important in helping them to develop confidence and fluency. You will be amazed at how quickly they progress with just 5-10 minutes of daily reading!

Amazing fact...a child who hears 5 stories a day at 5 years old will have been exposed to over a million words!

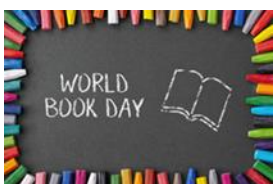
We hope you are able to join us for our Reading Workshop on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 2:15, at your respective school site.

After the half term break, we will...

- Begin to learn phase 3 digraphs and trigraphs
- Talk about ordinal numbers in Maths
- Share the story of Jasper's Beanstalk
- Share the story of Jack and the Beanstalk
- Look for changes from winter to spring
- Plant seeds and learn about the growing process
- In R.E. We will think about what makes our world special for us and for others

With natural nesting sites in decline, adding a nest-box to your garden can make all the difference to your local birds. The total area of all gardens in the UK exceeds that of our nature reserves, and as development destroys trees, hedges and old buildings, natural nesting sites are in decline. Nest-boxes placed in gardens can make a real difference to the success or failure of a breeding species in an area, especially when accompanied by the regular supply of suitable food and water.

More information here; <https://www.surreywildlifetrust.org/actions/how-build-bird-box>



## This year we are celebrating this Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

On the day, we invite the children to dress as a favourite book character, also complete a single piece of bunting, which shares information on their character. There will be no mufti charge but a suggestion of a used book donation to pass on. More details near the time