

## Year 1

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have settled into school very well and are delighted to be back with their friends. We are so proud of how the children have adapted to the new routines and are being so sensible about the current restrictions. This means we have been able to do lots of fun lessons and learning activities.

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### English

In English we have been looking at the story Jack and the Beanstalk. The children have learnt some new vocabulary (disgust, furious, magnificent, courageous) and used some of these key words in their writing. As a class we have made a story map and thought of actions to help us remember the story. The children finished the week by sequencing a section of the story and writing either some key words or a sentence explaining what is happening in the pictures. Well done everyone! **Talking Point:** How did Jack's mum feel when Jack came home with the magic beans? How did Jack behave when he climbed the beanstalk?

### Maths

In Maths we have been looking at odd and even numbers. We have also practised counting to 20 and sharing. We have practically shared objects between two 'people' and thought about the importance of it being equal. **Talking Point:** Can you share an odd number equally?

### Foundation Subjects

In Geography we started our topic of our local area. We have thought about what a landmark is and about landmarks in our local area. **Talking Point:** Can you remember what a landmark is? What landmarks are in our local area? In Science we have started our topic on plants. The children have thought about the different plants that grow in our school and went on a plant hunt. The children have also planted their own beans and thought about the different parts of the plant. **Talking Point:** Can you remember the parts of the plant?

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### Notices & Reminders

**Request:** Please can your child bring in any toilet rolls and kitchen rolls for our junk modelling next week.

Just a reminder about PE days - **Cornflower** and **Lavender** have outdoor PE on Fridays so can come to school in their PE kits. **Foxglove** has outdoor PE on Wednesdays. This will always be an outside session so please send them in leggings and sweatshirts when it is cold.

Please label all uniforms, lunchboxes and water bottles and ensure your child brings in their book bag, home/school notebook and reading book every day. Don't forget to sign your child's home/school notebook to show they have read their book with you - then they can change it.

Last week we did not do a newsletter but we did award Values awards to two children in each class. These children were: **Cornflower** - Leander and Rosa, **Foxglove** - Anton and Edie, **Lavender** - Reggie-Roy and Jude.

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### Values Award

**Cornflower:** Benjamin and Yibo; **Foxglove:** James and Abigail; **Lavender:** Zahra and Jade

### Diamond Work Award

**Cornflower:** Emma and Harriet; **Foxglove:** Jolie and Harrison; **Lavender:** Vaughan and Samuel

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