

## Literacy

We will be reading 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and age-appropriate non-fiction books including the life cycle of an egg to a chicken.

We will continue to learn the pre-writing shapes, and if we are ready, we will learn to write our name using a cursive style. We will look at different types of writing. For example posters, lists and letters.

## Mathematics

We will be counting regularly including in our daily circle time sessions when we count how many children are in our group. We will continue to develop our number skills through activities such as counting the golden beans in the pot, showing the number using our fingers and finding the correct numeral.

When it is Easter, we will compare two groups of objects, saying when they have the same number. We will practise this by counting the eggs in one basket and the eggs in the other and deciding if the number is the same.

We will be focussing on the 'circle' when we read 'The Runaway Pancake'. We will look at other shapes and talk about how the circle has no corners.

## Physical Development

As well as having access to the equipment in our Early Years garden to develop our physical skills we will have pancake races with our role-play frying pans and mini tortillas, trying hard to keep the tortilla in the pan!

We will continue to develop our fine-motor control through the programme 'WriteDance in Nursery'. We will use scissors when creating a split pin chick.

## Communication and Language

Grandma Fantastic will teach us new vocabulary such as pipping and incubate.

We will focus on following directions, for example, when we have the pancake races.

# Growing and Change



## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be continuing our whole school approach to PSE called 'Jigsaw'. The focus this half term will be on 'Dreams and Goals'.

We will start our 'All About Me' Sessions and the children will take turns to share something from home with their group.

## Expressive Arts and Design

**Exploring media and materials:** We will play circle games such as 'Duck, duck goose'. We will sing songs such as 'Chick, chick, chick, chick, chicken, lay a little egg for me'.

**Being imaginative:** We will have many opportunities to explore pattern and to print. We will print with potato mashers to create Easter eggs and use potatoes and paint to create a chick picture.

## Understanding the World

**The world:** We will have chicks in school and will find out through first-hand experience about the life cycle of a chicken. This will also give us the chance to think carefully about how we treat animals and to show care and concern. We will plant our own bean and will be encouraged to nurture it so that it grows into a beanstalk.

**People and Communities:** We will be encouraged to think about the lives of others in our 'All About Me' sessions. We will talk about how we are all unique; there is only one of me!

**Technology:** We will continue to develop our ICT skills using i-pads, remote-controlled toys and the Interactive White Board.