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Dear Parents/Carers of Whipton Barton Federation Pre-School Pupils

I am so proud of how far the children have come this year. It seems quite unbelievable that we are entering into our final summer term of Pre-School. What a lot the children have achieved in the last two terms! And what a lot more learning they will do in their final one before starting Reception!

This term our books will be: 'The Smartest Giant in Town' 'Jack and the Beanstalk,' 'Six Dinner Sid,' 'Handa's Surprise' and 'Billy's Bucket' As always, the children will explore these five books through a variety of means such as the role play, construction challenges and lots of craft activities but also by growing their own bean plants and tasting a variety of fruits (from Handa's surprise) as part of an immersive 'African Day.'



In phonics, the children will be starting the program 'Read Write Inc.' This is a program we use to teach reading and writing throughout EYFS and into KSI. Children will be



recapping the sounds m, a s, d, t and i through a variety of fast paced/ engaging activities. They will use the much loved 'Fred the frog' to help them segment and blend words such as 't-i-n' (tin).

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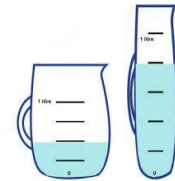
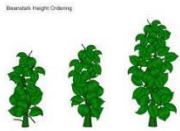
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In Maths, we will be looking at length and height - a perfect opportunity to look at how tall our beanstalks have grown with lots of opportunities for comparing heights! We will also be focusing on the number 6 as well as re capping 1-5. The children will start to look at patterns in the environment such as patterns on materials and animals. Finally we will finish the term by looking at capacity- perfect for fitting in with our story 'Billy's Bucket' The children will have plenty of practical opportunities to explore capacity through water play using a variety of containers.



In our Topic lessons we will learning about Africa and will holding our very own 'African Day' where we will immerse ourselves in the African culture through exploring music, dance, food, animals and a variety of African traditions. We will also be learning about sea creatures and will have plenty of opportunities to think about sea creatures both close to home and far away!



Do remember to look on Tapestry to see what your child has been learning in preschool and talk to them about it.



If you have any questions about your child's learning, please do not hesitate to contact the class teachers or email admin@whiptonbarton.org.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Ramsdale

Class Teacher