Personal, Social and Emotion

During our circle time this week we will be looking at how we make a positive contribution. We will be talking about why we follow rules and why we use good manners. We will also be looking at the story of St George and how he behaved in a good and honourable way.

Communication and Language

This week we will be talking about seeds and growing plants. The children will be planting a bean seed and writing simple instructions for its care. They will be watching time lapse recording of a bean growth and collecting words to describe the bean plant. They will be listening to and discussing various non-fiction books about beans, potatoes and strawberries. They will also be introduced to a different version of Jack and the Beanstalk and listen to the Cbeebies radio programmes version of Jack and the Beanstalk.

Physical Development

Our PE day has changed to a Monday and hopefully with the improved weather we shall be working on our games skills in the Outside Classroom. Our Funky Fingers fine motor control task this week will be using the tongs to sort the beans. The children will continue to develop their ball skills in the Outside classroom.

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Understanding of the World

The children will be looking at the different technologies we use at home and school and what they are used for. We will discuss the importance of asking adult permission before using certain technologies. The children will be using the photography app Collage Pic to create a montage of growing pictures.

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Literacy

The children will be sharing a variety of non-fiction books on seeds and growing plants. We will also be sharing several different versions of Jack and the Beanstalk and discussing the differences. The children will be starting their bean diary and will be using this to track their plants growth over the half term. We will be looking at the sounds er, ure, air, ear and oi this week

Mathematics

The children will be learning the name of 2d and 3d shapes. They will use a variety of 3d shaped to build a castle. The children will continue to work on addition and subtraction sums. The children are working on using objects to work out addition and subtraction sums. The children will be working on pattern recognition and number formation.

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Parental Involvement Ideas

This week we will be looking at the life-cycle of a bean and what plants need to grow and flourish. Perhaps if you are working in the garden you could look around for growing plants. Try naming the different parts of a plant and explaining what each plant part does. Perhaps you could try growing seeds and cress is an easy one to grow and then tasty to eat once it has grown. If your child is growing anything this year perhaps you could make a note of it and send it in to class so we can share.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will be working with Mrs Smith on developing their musical skills. They will be using colour mixing to create a magic bean.