

Week Beginning: 5th January 2026

Our Spring Topic is... **Brave Hearts and Golden Crowns**

This week, we will be learning about...

Topic:

We will begin our new term with a challenge day called 'Future Transport' which will help us to practise our teamwork skills. The life skill we will focus on is: **I can be patient and wait my turn.** We will launch our new topic with an afternoon of 'Royal Training' (being 'knighted', role playing rescuing a soft toy 'villager', making a shield and learning a chant/song). We will explore the story of Jack and the Beanstalk.

Phonics:

We will learn to recognise the sounds: *ai* (tail in the rain), *ee* (sheep in a jeep) and *oo* (hook a book). Using familiar sounds, we will learn to orally segment and blend words that contain these new digraphs.

Maths:

This week, the children will use their perceptual subitising skills (seeing the quantity without counting) in increasingly complex arrangements, moving from dots in a line and arrangements of 2, to a focus on standard dice arrangements. For larger quantities, the children will begin to use skills of conceptual subitising, beginning to quickly see the sub-groups within these larger numbers. Using spatial language to describe sub-groups within these arrangements will deepen the children's understanding of part-whole relations and allow them to further consider composition (the numbers within numbers).

How you could help your child at home:

- Read books at home with your child daily. New school reading books will be sent home on Friday 9th January. Can you read any traditional tales?
- Daily practise of the phonemes we have learnt this week. Use the flash cards to make CVVC and CCVVC words.
- When out and about or at home, discuss what sub-groups you can see within larger numbers. E.g. when putting grapes in a bowl, what do you notice? When looking at a field with sheep, what do you notice?
- Offer opportunities to make arrangements of 5 by printing with paint using fingers, corks or other distinct shapes. *How many ways can you find to arrange 5 dots?* You may want to start with 1 colour and enhance the activity with 2 colours later in the week.

Reminders:

- **Show and Tell Groups on Friday 9th January – Moles and Magpies**

If your child cannot remember which group they are in then please just speak to the EYFS team.

Lapland Groups: Moles, Squirrels, Hedgehogs, Badgers, Foxes

Greenland Groups: Magpies, Eagles, Mockingbirds, Bluebirds, Hawks

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