

Week Beginning: 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026

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

**This week, we will be learning about...**

**Topic:**

We will set up an experiment to investigate what plants need to grow. We will design and make our own plant pots out of clay, using tools to carve patterns. We will sketch some different plants and name them. The life skill we will continue to focus on is: I can consider my impact on the environment.

**Phonics:**

We will learn to recognise the sounds *air* (chair in the air) and *er* (a bigger digger). We will also practise reading words that include double letters (e.g., mm, tt, pp in words like hammer, kitten and puppet). The tricky words we will learn are: are, sure, pure.

**Maths:**

This week, the children will continue to engage with activities that develop their understanding of composition, or the numbers within numbers. A key focus will be on exploring ways to represent numbers using the Hungarian number pattern (die pattern). These key representations will help to underline the '5-ness' of 5 and provide structures that will support exploration of its composition and its relationships with other numbers. The children will secure their understanding of the pairs of numbers that make 5 and then use double dice frames to begin to explore 6 and 7 as numbers that are composed of '5 and a bit'.

**How you could help your child at home:**

- Read with your child at least 3x a week.
- Daily practise of the phonemes we have learnt this week. Use the flash cards to build and blend words.
- Roll a die and ask the children to make matching amounts using their fingers. Are there other ways to show this amount? What's a quick way?
- Offer opportunities for the children to reinforce their subitising to 6 skills by playing track games both indoors and outdoors (drawn with chalk) using a die.
- Practise sketching a plant you have at home or near your house (indoor or outdoor plants). What do you notice about the parts of the plant?

**Reminders:**

- **Greenland Forest School:** Don't forget to bring in a bag for the children's forest school clothing which may be wet or muddy. Please put a pair of school shoes in their bag so they can wear these after the forest school session.
- Please ensure reading books are ready in bags to be changed on a Friday.
- **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February** – Parent Consultation Evenings
- Show and Tell Groups on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January – Badgers (Lapland) and Bluebirds (Greenland)

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