

Townlands C of E Primary Academy

"A journey of learning in the light of God's love"

Faith, Honesty, Love, Friendship, Forgiveness, Hope, Respect

"What shall we say the Kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed which is the smallest seed you plant in the ground. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds of the air can perch in its shade."

The parable of the Mustard seed- Mark 4:30-32



EYFS Spring Term 2026 First Half term

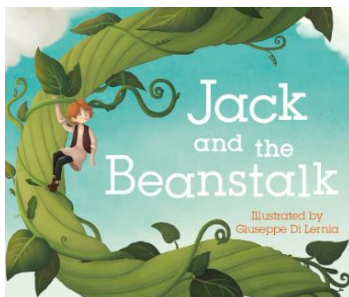
STAFF: Mrs Greenaway, Miss Grimsley and Miss Bell

A big, warm welcome back and we hope you all had a memorable Christmas break and are ready to start the New Year.

This half term's driving question is this: *'Where will my imagination take me?'*

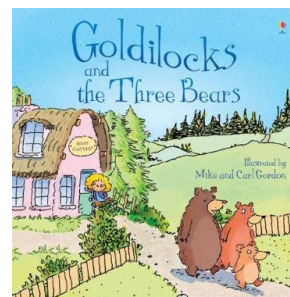
Some of the most precious memories that we have from our childhood have come from the stories that we've read, or had read to us; especially traditional tales. They open up a whole new world for us to explore and allow our minds to wander. Jack and the Beanstalk is the first exciting fairy tale that we'll be delving into. The children will be growing their own beanstalks and using their imaginations to think about where it could possibly lead them...

Books we will be using to enhance our learning and love of reading.



Jack and the Beanstalk

Jack, a poor country boy, trades the family cow for a handful of magic beans, which grow into an enormous beanstalk reaching up into the clouds. Jack climbs the beanstalk and finds himself in the castle of an unfriendly giant.



Goldilocks and the Three Bears

While she's sleeping, the three bears return home and find that someone has been eating their food, sitting in their chairs, and sleeping in their beds. Just then, they discover Goldilocks asleep. She wakes up scared and runs home, never to return to the bears' home again.

Homework

We are sending your child home with a phonics reading book that marries up with their phonics stage and development. We encourage the children to try reading this to you independently, however your support will be much appreciated should they need it. Please encourage the children to read with you **at least five times a week** and discuss what they have read to support their comprehension. All reading should be recorded in the reading record books on the appropriate day for us to keep track of when books can be changed. Bedtime books will continue to be changed on Fridays – there will be a new collection of Spring term books available, please help us to collect in the Christmas themed books promptly.

Homework will be sent home separately by the end of the week. Please select one activity each week according to your child's needs and interests to complete and upload onto Tapestry or bring into school to share (on Fridays only please).

PE

P.E sessions continue with our sports coach, Mr Moon and take place every Monday afternoon. The children need to attend school on Mondays wearing their P.E. kits. They will need to be wearing kit which is suitable for indoor P.E. and outdoor learning as well as playtimes.

Please ensure that your child's name is written inside all clothing items brought into school. Including hats, scarves and gloves that may be needed this season.

Health & Safety reminder

All long hair must be tied back on Mondays and no jewellery is permitted during PE lessons. However if earrings can't be removed, then they need taping over.



Water

The children need to continue to bring to school fresh water (not juice) each day in a labelled bottle. It is important they do this because they do get thirsty throughout the day. We thank you for your cooperation with this.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 15th January: National hat day – the whole school are invited to wear a hat to school.

Monday 9th February: The children will be celebrating the amazing milestone of 100 days of school.

Keep checking Tapestry to share in your child's learning experiences.

Whole school information and activities can be found on the Townlands website. If you have any queries or questions at any time, then please feel free to **phone** or **email** the school office.

Finally, keep an eye on Townland's Facebook page for the latest updates and successes.