

## Important dates and Celebrations:

Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	<b>Orthodox Good Friday</b>	
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	<b>Stephen Lawrence Day</b>	
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	<b>Last day of Passover</b>	Jewish
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	<b>Orthodox Holy Saturday</b>	
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	<b>St. George's Day</b>	
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	<b>Shakespeare Day</b>	
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Orthodox Easter</b>	
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Orthodox Easter Monday</b>	
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Yom HaShoah</b>	Jewish
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Laylatul Qadr (Night of Power)</b>	Muslim
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	<b>Early May Bank Holiday</b>	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> May	<b>Eid ul Fitr (Tentative Date)</b>	Muslim
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Yom HaAtzmaut</b>	Jewish
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Lag B'Omer</b>	Jewish
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Ascension Day</b>	Christian
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Last day of Summer 1 term</b>	
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Jubilee holiday for SJB – no school</b>	
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	<b>Late May bank holiday</b>	
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	<b>Platinum Jubilee Bank holiday</b>	
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Pentecost</b>	Christian
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Shavuot</b>	Jewish
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Whit Monday</b>	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>INSET day – no school for pupils</b>	
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Summer 2 term starts</b>	



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CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

**RISE UP**



Dear Parents and Carers,  
Welcome back to Summer term! We have been lucky with the weather over the break and we are hoping that it will continue over the next few weeks to support us with our outdoor learning and topics. This half term we will be learning all about plants and minibeasts, and using the topic to support us in looking after our outdoor environment. You may have noticed that there is new flooring in part of the Reception area and this will support safe jumping and landing. As always, please let us know if you have any questions to support your child in their learning. With thanks, Apple Tree Team.

**RISE UP**

**Summer 1 2022**

## Maths

Children will explore a range of mathematical concepts such as number bonds to 5, 10 and double facts. We will apply these concepts through play and practical situations. The children will explore sharing an amount equally, and develop language and understanding of size and comparisons. We will be learning about the properties of shapes and understanding how we can use shapes to create different shapes.

## Phonics

Children will continue with their daily phonics sessions. The children will be consolidating the sounds they already know and applying this in their reading and writing as much as possible before we move onto the next set of new sounds.

Children will be encouraged to write for longer, and to write at length such as one or two sentences. You can support children with this at home, using the sound mats that were given at the end of last half term.

## Talk 4 Writing (T4W)

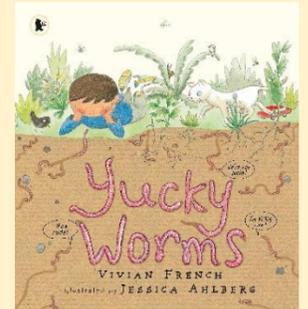
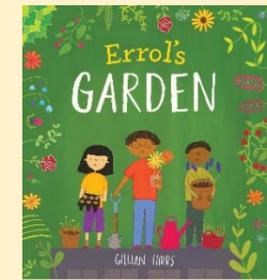
Children will be learning to retell the story of Jack and the Beanstalk in the first half of the term. We will map the story out into pictures to develop fluency and help children remember the story. We will also innovate the story by creating new characters and settings and then retell the new version. In these sessions we will focus on how we form letters, using capital letters and full stops as well as finger spaces.

## Core Text/Book

Our first text will be Errol's Garden all about a boy who wants to create a garden on the roof of his block of flats.

The second text will be Yucky Worms, which is an information text with beautiful illustrations exploring the wonderful things worms can do.

## We are reading:



**Just a reminder...**



# This half term in Reception ...

## Understanding the World

A continuous theme throughout the half term will be a deep exploration of plants and minibeasts. This scientific topic will support children in knowing about the different parts of the flower, planting seeds, learning about where our food comes from and how we can care for our environment. Areas in our outdoor space will be designated planting areas for children to plant seeds and watch their plants grow. Eid is in the middle of the half term and we will learn about how it is celebrated, comparing the festivities to children's own experiences.

## Music

Children will be exploring music through their weekly Music sessions as well as through songs and rhymes.. We will be singing songs such as Incy Wincy Spider and Ladybird Ladybird when we learn about minibeasts.

## Religious Education

Our RE unit this half term has the big question 'What makes a place special?' This will introduce children to many different special places to them as well as learning about the Church and later on linking to how we care for our environment.

## Art

This half term the children will learn all about Clementine Hunter who paints pictures of flowers and we will recreate her pictures using paints and pastels.

Please ensure that your child has a change of clothes on their peg.

Please ensure that your child is wearing their P.E. kit on **Tuesday** for their lesson.

**Family Fridays** are launching this half term. Come and read with your child every Friday morning.