

## Key Dates

School Opens

Monday 19th February

World Book Day

Thursday 7th March

Parent Forum

Wednesday 14th March

Ramadan Begins

Monday 11th March

Rhyme Time Challenge

W/C Monday 18th March

Junk Orchestra

Wednesday 20th March

Close for Half Term

Friday 22nd March

### Look out for our recipe of the month

A healthy option that we will be making in school and that you can try at home.



### Remember Attendance Counts

Regular attendance helps your child to build good habits, form friendships with other children and ensures continuity of learning. Please contact school if your child is absent.



Download the **50 things to do before your five** app.

Look out for the 50 things activities on our weekly What's Happening

### Why don't you follow us on Facebook



Please download the Learning Journals app.

You can send in information and photographs of your child's learning at home too.



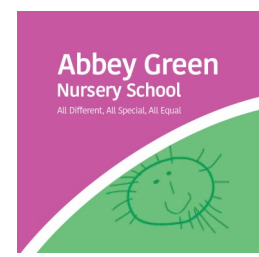
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## This Term in Green, Purple and Orange Room



### Spring 2 2024

More detailed plans are done on a weekly basis. These are displayed for you to view but please ask if you would like your own copy. We will also keep you updated in our weekly 'What's Happening'.

**Jeśli potrzebujesz tłumaczenia na język polski użyj numeru.**

যদি এই অনুবাদ বাংলায় চান তাহলে উপরের সংখ্যায় যোগাযোগ করুন.

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## Extending Children's Knowledge Following children's interests

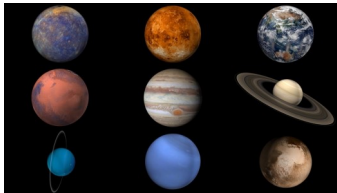
### Where does our Food come from?

The children have been role playing restaurants and café's and we will extend this interest by offering more props and scenarios where they can play and develop their vocabulary, taking orders, preparing and serving food. We also talk about the food we eat and where it comes from. We will use our hydroponic indoor garden to grow herbs, fruits and vegetables to use in recipes at snack time. We will begin to plant seeds and beans outside, making comparisons about the different conditions for plants to grow. We will use non-fiction books and websites to find out about food groups and food that is produced in the UK and also across the world.



### The Solar System

The children have shown great interest in space and the Solar system. We will extend this interest through talking about the names of the different planets, what order they come in distance from the sun and develop our understanding of concepts such as gravity and space travel and that planet Earth is part of something massive. We will talk about the appearance of the planets and how they differ in colour and size. We will use recycled and reclaimed materials to design and make rockets, focusing on the shapes and parts that we need to use.



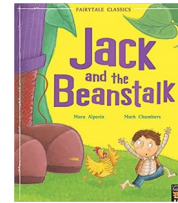
## Introducing New Knowledge and Skills

### Letters and Sounds

We will be teaching the children a new rhyme each week as part of the Rhyme Time Challenge. Rhymes introduce new words. The rhythm and repetition helps with retention and recall, listening skills and concentration.

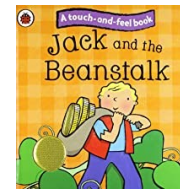
### Core Story in GREEN room

Children will read the traditional tale Jack and the Beanstalk. The children will become familiar with the words and phrases in the book and we will encourage them to ask questions about the characters and what they are like. We will use small world toys to make plays and re-enact of the story including some of our own ideas.



### Core Story in ORANGE and PURPLE room

This version of the story includes textures linked to key words that we want the children to interact with and support recall. We will teach the Makaton signs and symbols and encourage the children to join in.



## Celebrations and Festivals

We will teach the children about Easter, it's traditions, and how it is celebrated across the world.

We will teach the children about Ramadan as Muslims begin the month of fasting.

### My Happy Mind—Appreciate

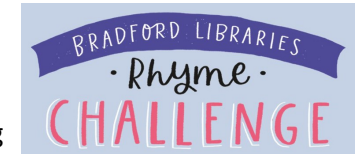
We will teach the children about gratitude and the different ways to express being thankful and how that can make us feel.

## Things you can do to support your child's learning

Your child will benefit from any amount of time you spend together doing simple things; singing songs, sharing books, baking, going for walk, anything that involves you chatting and playing together.

### Rhyme Challenge

Rhyming helps children learn about words and sounds. Hearing and using rhyme, rhythm and repetition helps children develop early literacy skills. Have some fun joining in with our Rhyme Challenge where we will learn a new rhyme each week. Rhyme sheets are available for you from your child's class. At the end of term we will hold a celebration and every child will receive a certificate. We hope you join in the fun and this fantastic learning experience with your child.



### Talk about what you can see

When you are out and about keep count of all the different things you can see such as types of transport, animals and buildings. Do you recognise the different badges and emblems on cars? Can you name different breeds of dogs. Do you recognise any signs on the buildings? You can take photos and keep count through simple tally charts, lists and drawings.

### Keeping Healthy— Oral Health

We will be talking to your child about different ways they can keep their teeth and gums healthy.

You can help your child by making sure that they brush their teeth twice a day using a fluoride toothpaste.

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