

# Plant Power

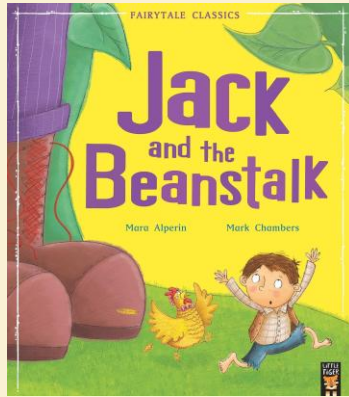
Welcome back. We hope you have all had an enjoyable Easter break and that the children are ready for another short but busy half term!

## Key Dates:

13th April School Opens  
4th May Bank Holiday  
22nd May Last day before closing for Whit Holiday  
8th June School Re-opens

**Creative Curriculum:** Science leads our curriculum this half term, with a focus on growing plants from seeds and bulbs. We will think about the conditions that plants need to germinate, grow and stay healthy, including carrying out careful observations of controlled tests. In Art, we will be finding out about the life and work of Georgia O'Keeffe, comparing her work to Phoebe Cumming's ceramics, and using them as inspiration for our own work in a variety of media. Our Computing work this half term will also be linked to Georgia O'Keeffe, as we recreate pieces of her work digitally.

**Maths:** The main focus this half term is fractions. Building on our multiplication and division skills, the children will explore halves, quarters and thirds including non-unit fractions. We will use manipulatives and reasoning tasks that allow the children to explain their mathematical thinking. With Mrs Sherlock on Tuesdays, the children will develop their understanding of mass, capacity, and temperature.



**English:** This term, we will use Jack and the Beanstalk as the starting point for descriptive writing. We will explore character and setting through a range of drama techniques that will help to develop our vocabulary. We will then write our own descriptions, expanding sentences with adjectives and prepositions. Our weekly guided reading session will focus on comprehension skills using a range of texts including chapter books. Spelling practise will take place 4 times a week, continuing to learn the Year 2 spelling rules. There will also be regular handwriting practise, to develop fluency with joining.



**RE:** This half term we will learn what different religions teach about caring for others, using stories from Islam and Christianity, and relating them to our own experiences.

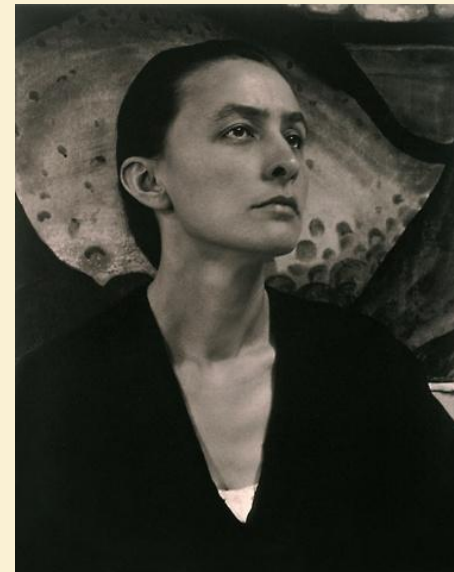


## PSHE:

Our key questions this term are:

- What helps us stay healthy?
- How do we recognise our feelings?
- What helps us grow?
- How can we stay safe?

**PE:** Indoor PE will continue to take place on a Friday, with the focus on gymnastics. On a Thursday morning, we will be carrying out 'Smile for a Mile'. Outdoor Games sessions with the coaches will be on Mondays. Please make sure your child always has the correct kit in school, including warm clothes for outdoors, and that it is all clearly labelled.



## Supporting your child at home:

Thank you for your ongoing support with your child's learning at home. Please read regularly with your child each week, focusing not only on fluency, but comprehension skills as well. This should be a minimum of four times a week. Weekly spellings to practise at home will be sent out each Friday, and there will be a written check the following Friday. This will help the children to learn and keep the Year 2 spelling rules. For Maths, please can you help them learn their 2, 5 and 10 times tables off by heart. You may wish to use your Times Tables Rock Stars log in at home to support this.

