Hedgehog Class Weekly Update Week Beg: 17th April

 **Language and Literacy**

****We began with talking about then writing recounts of our own Holiday News events. Reception wrote simple sentences – they have all shown how well they use sounds to spell words now, with their letter formation also improving. Year 1 independently wrote sequences of sentences describing what they did, where they went, who with and how they felt. Their spelling and punctuation shows increased accuracy each half-term when we do this. We have also begun a short unit on the traditional tale of Jack and the Beanstalk.

 **Maths**

Year 1 have been using 2 digit numbers on a hundred square. They found the number that is 10 more or less, then counted on in multiples of 10. Reception have been finding the number that is 1 less than another using numbers to 10 or 20 using objects such as cookies on a plate and cars in a car park. Everyone is working hard at ordering and writing numbers accurately – Reception with numbers to 20 and Year 1 in sequences of 10s numbers.

 **Art & Design**

We illustrated our Easter Writing with careful drawings. We then returned to our Once Upon a Time theme by continuing to build and furnish our role play castle area in the classroom. We will continue adding to this as the Kings coronation celebrations approaches.

  **Science**

Forest School gave children the opportunity to predict what would happen when popcorn kernels were heated. It was quite a surprise to see them change in colour, shape and size (and yummy to eat too!). Some of the bulbs and seeds planted last term have begun to show shoots – have any of the Mothers Day bulbs started to grow yet?

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| **RE** | **Music & Dance** |
| We thought about what we are grateful for, thinking about what Gods blessings are to us.We had times of quiet reflection and some children chose to say their own prayers aloud. | We have begun learning traditional folk dances to perform at the May Fair. Working with partners and remembering different movement sequences is great for physical and brain development!  |

**Next Week**

**Literacy/Language based on Jack & the Beanstalk including retelling and character descriptions**

**Phonics Year 1: Phase 5 split digraphs a\_e / o\_e / i\_e / e\_e / u\_e**

 **Reception: Phase 3 consonant diagraphs ai / ee / oa / igh**

**Maths Year 1: Count in 10s on 100 square, adding on in 10s**

 **Reception: Revise numbers to 20, Practical subtraction activities**

**Art / Design Creating beanstalks and Making objects for castle life**

**Science Learning about what plants need to grow and predictions for growth**