

JUST LIKE JASPER!



Jasper's Beanstalk – Nick Butterworth and Mick Inkpen, & The traditional tale: Jack and the Beanstalk

Jasper plants a bean. He waits for it to grow into a beanstalk all week. How long will he have to wait before he can start looking for giants?

A charming tale...with a gentle moral of how everything -- including giant beanstalks -- comes to those who wait.

Communication, Language and Literacy, Reading and Writing

- Our Focus stories for this term are Jasper's Beanstalk, and Jack and the Beanstalk. We will use these stories as a stimulus for our literacy activities.
- Every child will have a weekly 1:1 reading session with Mrs McLaren, Mrs Fitzgerald or Mrs Hilton, look out for observations and next steps from these sessions on Tapestry.
- Please continue to read the books from your child's book-bag at home and bring their book-bag in every day. Books will be changed on a Monday and Thursday to allow time to 'quarantine' returned books before they are put back in to circulation.
- Remember you are aiming to share these books at home at least 4 times a week and sign their yellow reading record to let us know when you have done this.
- READER OF THE WEEK – our reader of the week gets to have a visit with Mabel our guinea pig (follow her adventures on Twitter @figmabel)

What's on...

Every Wednesday we visit The Nest to share books and listen to stories. If we have our book bags on this day, we are also able to bring home a library book.

Mathematical Development

- This term we will be focusing on beginning to categorise objects according to properties such as shape or size and beginning to use the language of size. – hopefully measuring some impressive beanstalks. Watch out for those giant footprints!
- We will also be learning that not only objects, but anything can be counted, including steps, claps or jumps, and noticing that there are numbers all around us!
- And we will continue to sing songs and play games that help us recite numbers in order.

Expressive Arts and Design

- This term our role play area has babies and a selection of real baby clothes and objects. We will be exploring baby care and noticing how we too have changed and grown.
- We will also imitate movement in response to music, imagining giant footsteps and magic harps, and tapping out simple repeated rhythms.

Understanding of the World

- This term we will be exploring how things grow and change and the conditions they need to do so.
- We will be planting and caring for a variety of plants and seeds. – Come and have a look at our recycled welly boot planter wall.
- And we will be learning how to talk about some of the things we have observed.

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