

Nursery Home Learning

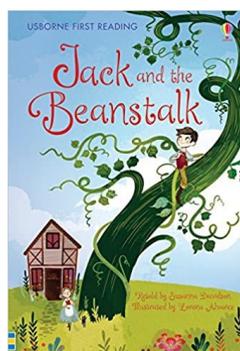
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Hello Nursery,

Welcome to another week of home learning, I hope you are all well. The weather has been so lovely, it would be great to see some photos of you guys out on your daily exercise; I tend to walk around the river in Worcester or kick a football about in a field with my little boy. What have your favourite activities been?

This week our focus will be on the story 'Jack and the Beanstalk'

Jack and the Beanstalk Traditional Tale



Literacy Activities;

- Read and reread the story - use voices for the different characters, when you've read it a few times your children may be able to join in with parts of the story (there is an ebook available on Twinkl for this story)

- Retelling the story - there are lots of props on Twinkl which could support this e.g. masks and puppets but you could have a go at making your own maybe using paper plates. You could film a puppet show and upload it to Tapestry, it would be great to see your storytelling skills

- Write a list of the characters or important words from the story together (this doesn't have to be with paper and a pencil, it could be outside in chalk or with paintbrushes and water, you could write in chalk and your children could go over the top with a paintbrush dipped in water) Discuss the initial sounds for the words, if you want support with sound pronunciation just go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ksblMiliA8>

- Write instructions for planting a bean, if you can actually get hold of a packet of beans we'd love to see you plant and grow them - just share through Tapestry

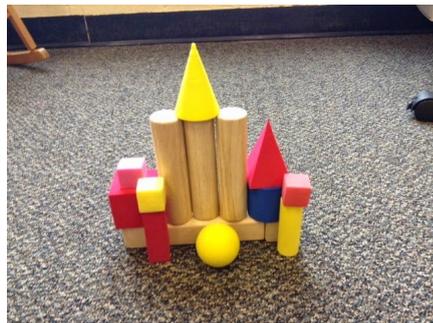
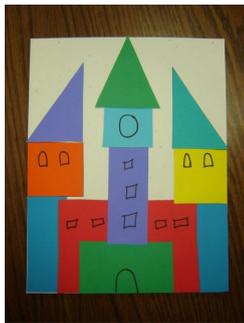
- Fine Motor;

- use spoons and tweezers to pick up 'magic beans' to fill containers
- make playdough to make leaves for a beanstalk; you could use real leaves to print onto the playdough



Maths Activities;

- Exploring shape - could you use 2D shapes to make a castle, what shapes would you use for the towers and turrets of the giant's castle? You could even make a 3D castle model using your recycled boxes and tubes or wooden bricks.



- Explore big and little objects - can you find things for both Jack and the Giant?
- Magic Bean Maths
 - Count 'magic beans' (jelly beans, runner bean seeds...) into numbered pots
 - Sort jelly beans by colour and count to see which colour has the most/least
 - Make patterns with the magic beans if they are coloured, you could do some simple patterns such as A B A B A B A B, AA BB AA BB AA BB, or try more complicated ones like A BB A BB A BB A BB A or A B C A B C A B C

Other Activities;

- Magic Bean experiment - this is a great little activity to see what happens to the beans when they are placed in different liquids
<https://www.mrsjonescreationstation.com/jelly-bean-simple-science-experiment/>

- Listen to some harp music - it's a very relaxing instrument and there are a lot of clips on You Tube. Could you make your own harp using elastic bands and a box? What other instruments could you make using household items?

- There are lots and lots of resources on Twinkl linked to the story of Jack and the Beanstalk such as counting sheets, sizing activities, cutting tasks and playdough mats; explore what's there and see which you think you and your children would like to do

Daily Keeping Fit Fun

9am - PE with Joe Wicks (a fun workout to get you going in the morning - has anyone done this everyday??)

https://www.youtube.com/results?sp=mAEB&search_query=the+body+coach+and

on the 'Spread the Happiness' channel with Shonette Bason-Wood both

9.30 am - Go to the Dough Disco (developing finger strength and dexterity) and

1.00pm - Play based Story Challenge

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=spread+the+happiness+tv

There are also some other great places to subscribe for fitness and fun on YouTube; Go Noodle -gets you moving and dancing

https://www.youtube.com/results?sp=mAEB&search_query=gonoodle

Cosmic Kids Yoga - storytime and yoga together

<https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga>

There are lots of resources you can access through 'Twinkl', which has free parent access at the moment, activities which can supported through Twinkl will be marked with a T*.

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/blog/how-to-utilise-twinkl-during-the-coronavirus-shutdown-a-guide-for-parents>

Daily Activities;

Daily Calendar; you could sing a day of the week and month of the year song; lots of these on YouTube (we do the days to the 'Addams Family' tune but you could learn a new one and send us a video on Tapestry, we also generally start out song with Monday as it's the first day of our Nursery week), discuss and write the date, discuss the weather T*

Stories and Songs; these two are so important to do daily. By doing these daily children will hear more words, hear more rhymes and also develop skills which support the whole of the curriculum.

Stories; Children should hear, where possible, 5 stories a day! It may be the same story a few times, or different ones. Once your children have heard a story verbally from you, you may want to look for an animated one online, this can sometimes be quite Americanised so take the time to find something appropriate.

Songs; We make up songs in the Nursery all the time which support our routines, I'm sure you've heard our recent 'Hand Washing' song. But, you could also make your own up which support your routines at home; maybe a getting up/dressed song, bedtime song or even a setting the table song. We'd love to hear them, so upload to Tapestry, we're also very happy to help you with these...just ask! As well as this you can also sing along with your favourite songs and Nursery rhymes...singing really does make you feel better and puts a smile on your face! There are some lovely 'Barefoot Book' songs online;

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=25_u1GzruQM&list=PL0maGUp7cdUkPjgFg9PLOCAqzSDsWo2UR

This is the link to Songs on the BBC School Radio site;

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/nursery-rhymes-songs-index/zhwdgwx>

Counting; this could be something to do with your daily routine e.g. putting the spoons/knives out for breakfast, counting and sorting socks, fruit in your fruit bowl...

This is a link to a counting song we use on YouTube daily;

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=85M1yxIcHpw>

Tapestry

We are regularly checking in with Tapestry so please keep us updated with all the activities you are doing. You can also use Tapestry to send us any questions you may have about your Home Learning.

Take care all,
The Nursery Team