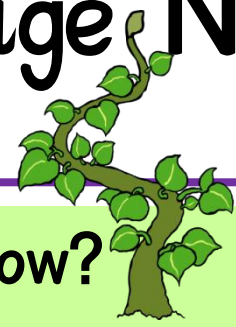


Foundation Stage News

June 9th 2023



What does a bean seed need to grow?

It has been a busy start back to school after the half-term holiday. On Monday some bean seeds arrived. We looked at a real bean pod and talked about the life-cycle of a bean plant. The children decided what they would need to plant their seed and how to take care of it so it would grow. They have chosen to keep their beans in the garden "...because it is warm and sunny and they will grow". They carefully watered their beans so as not to give them too much or too little to drink.



Mrs Heavisides set the children off on an exciting measuring adventure during the week. A giant-sized footprint appeared in the classrooms so the children got busy exploring how many of their own footprints would be 'the same'. They were then able to use a sentence stem to explain their findings e.g. "The giant's footprint is equal to 6 of my footprints." The children were inspired to find out how tall they were and used number rods as a non-standard measure, adding up the total amount as a measure.

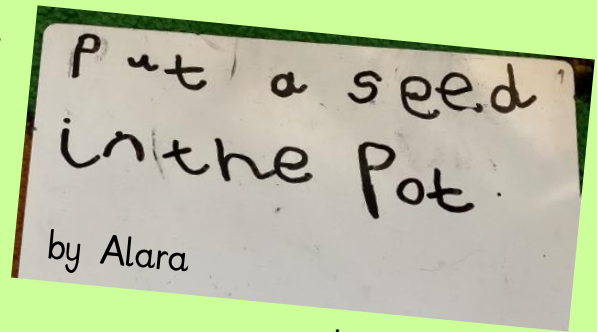
We also made a chart, comparing the different heights of each of the children and staff.



Learning inspired by our story theme:



Wonderful collage number beanstalks. Some super numeral formations!



Writing instructions for planting a seed using Fred-Talk to spell the words...look how well they are using finger spaces!

At the end of the week, the children enjoyed their first assembly in the big school with Mr Hughes. They practised walking in quietly and making a smart line before sitting down. Mr Hughes was very proud of how well they did with this! They listened to the story of a resilient seed that grew and changed against the odds. He helped the children to reflect on how they have grown and changed this year and of how they are getting ready to move to Year 1.

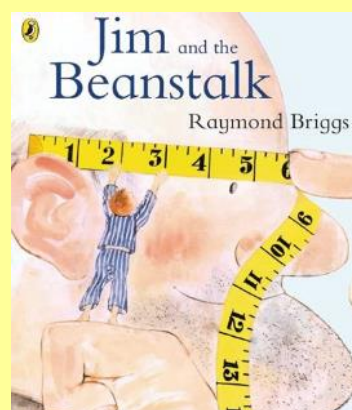


Books we shared this week

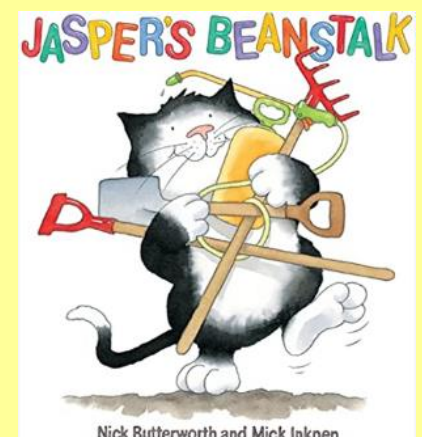
Below are the books we have shared this week. It is always good to revisit these books at home so that you can have conversations with your child about their experiences in school. If you do not have these books at home you may be able to find them at your local library or often there are video versions by searching the title on YouTube.



'Jack and the Beanstalk'
Usborne First Reading



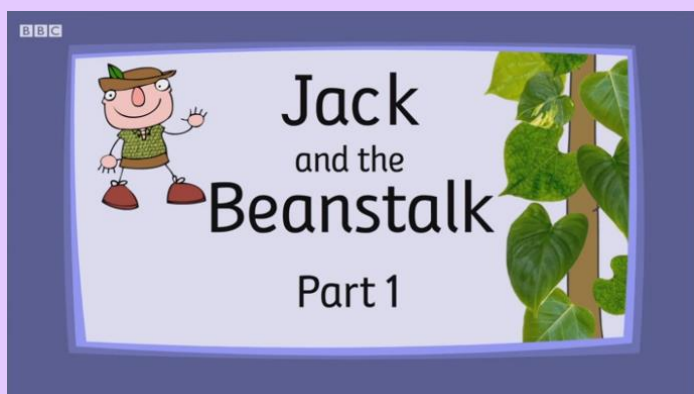
'Jim and the Beanstalk'
by Raymond Briggs



'Jasper's Beanstalk'
by Nick Butterworth and Mick Inkpen

Songs we sang this week

The children LOVED learning a collection of fun songs which retold the story Jack and the Beanstalk. We used a fabulous 'BBC Schools Music' resource (you might remember the Little Red Riding Hood music we used earlier this year from this same source). The children have been merrily singing these songs all week as they have been playing...some very catchy tunes and some super storytelling phrases such as "Fee, Fi, Fo, Fum...I smell the blood of an Englishman!"



On the BBC Schools Music webpage, there is a wonderful animated story to accompany the music. Please click on this link to access the animation at home:

[Jack and the Beanstalk Animated Story BBC Schools](#)

We listened to many of the songs, however the children particularly enjoyed 'And the Beanstalk Crew' and 'Fee Fi Fo Fum.' Please click on the link below to listen to these songs with your child at home:

[Jack and the Beanstalk Songs BBC Schools Music](#)



Reminder...A special visitor is coming!

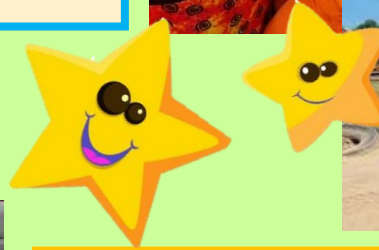
We are getting closer to our exciting visit from South West Animal Services on Thursday 22nd June. To cover the cost of this event and ensure we can go ahead, we ask for a donation of £4.07 which you can pay via the School Gateway.



Home learning fun

We love to see what your child has been learning at home with you. It really helps us build such a full picture of their knowledge and experiences. Thank you for the photos and messages sent in so far. We thought you would enjoy them as much as we have.

Finlay enjoyed a wonderful exciting half-term holiday and birthday weekend. He got the chance to drive a range of diggers at Diggerland and became a drummer at the Exeter Music Festival (very cool Finlay!) He even practised his writing skills in his imaginative play!



Isabella loves the Numberblock characters, so mummy set her a 'Doubling up' challenge. She explored how many there were altogether when she doubled each number.

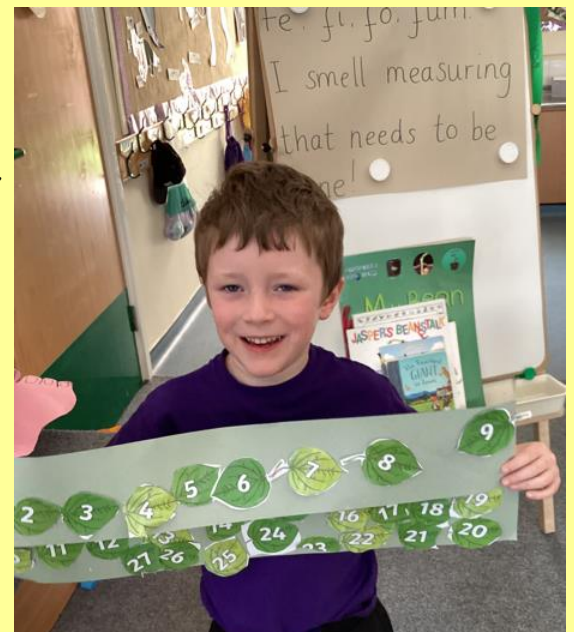
She has also enjoyed pretending to be a teacher as she has practised her sounds and words in bed...what a great idea!



Celebrating children's learning

Liam, what an incredible Stick-a-saurus you were today. You worked SO hard to carefully cut out each number leaf and arrange them in numerical order. You held your scissors correctly and didn't give up!

We are SO proud of you!



Read Write Inc. home learning:



Please continue to use the Read Write Inc. links we sent home via email during the half-term holiday. These links should still be active and will focus on the sounds your child still needs to learn over the next couple of weeks.

If you feel your child has mastered these sounds, please do send us an email and we will find some fresh links for you.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!