



Children's Interests

The class have loved Jack and the Beanstalk and have been writing to the giant and he has been writing back! Mrs Curds' husband has kindly donated a large box and the children have decided to turn it into the giant's castle. They have been busy decorating it! This week we shall continue the Jack and the Beanstalk theme as well as talk about signs of spring.

Prime Areas

Physical Development including Hand Gym:

- Use spoons to scoop sand or pasta into bottles
- Cutting out ears to go on a bunny hat
- Handwriting activities eg use large chalks to form "caterpillar" letters

Communication and Language:

- Act out the story of Jack and the Beanstalk
- Answer how or why questions in relation to signs of spring

Personal Social and Emotional Development:

- Discussing our assembly theme of "peace"
- Remembering to be polite and use manners with each other

Specific Areas

Literacy including Phonics:

- Free writing of own choice eg writing letters to the giant or writing about the story
- Revise all taught sounds and practise using diagraphs **oi/er/ur/ou/ow/or** to read and spell words
- Learn high frequency words **his/but/with/that**

Mathematics:

- Use objects eg marbles, cars or other toys to make the 2's pattern
- Investigate length and measure objects using standard objects eg multilink bricks
- Counting up and down to 20 and ordering teen numbers

Understanding the World

- Use magnifiers to observe bean plants growing and talk about small details
- Use senses to explore signs of spring eg go on a sensory walk

Expressive Art and Design:

- Free paintings and collage eg on spring theme
- Learn some simple songs about spring/ Easter

How You Can Help at Home:

Keep practising the counting up and down to 20. If you can, put up a number line at home to 20 that you can refer to. Can your child start at a given number eg 6 and count up to 20 and then back down to zero. Can they tell you 1 more or 1 less and then 2 more or 2 less than a given number to 20. Can they use their finger on the numberline to hop up or down 1 or 2 from a chosen number.

Many thanks! Mrs McQueen