



Activities at Home

Traditional Tales

Dear Parents,

The activity for week: 3 beginning: 21/1/19 is: Jack and the Beanstalk

The activity we will be covering involves:

- Participating in the story with the use of visual props
 - Using their imagination and observational skills
 - Participating in repeated refrains in the story to develop vocabulary
 - Learning the concept of non-standardised units of measure, learning to measure objects using different resources such as Lego blocks, pencils
 - Learn the concept of size by comparing objects to see which one is bigger and smaller such as-a giant's foot to the children's feet.
 - Learning about the plant cycle -planting seeds and growing their own plants watch them grow and measure whose plant is the tallest
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Our activity includes:

Reading the story of jack and beanstalk. I will encourage the children to participate in repeated refrains from the story. Once we have finished reading the story we will discuss parts of the story especially the magic beans, the giant and how big would he be in comparison to Jack who would be much smaller.

I will then invite the children to plant their own seeds taking turns to scoop out some soil and put it into a pot, planting some seeds into them and covering them with soil again. We will make sure the children water their plants and watch them grow eventually measuring whose plant grew the tallest.

I will also introduce the concept of non-standardised units of measure. We will measure a big giant's foot using Lego bricks, small teddy bears, pencils and we will also compare it to the children's feet to see whose feet are bigger or smaller. Using a pre-made vine we will measure the children to see how tall they are and create a height chart in our classroom.

You might wish to help your child to explore this topic at home or when you are out and about. Please feel free to approach the teachers for further explanations.

Our suggested activities are:

- Read the story of Jack and the Beanstalk
- Bring out all the shoes in your house and ask your children to sort them according to size
- Plant different vegetables in your garden getting ready for spring
- Use beans to count and match to different numerals

Websites:

<https://rainydaymum.co.uk/count-climb-jack-and-the-beanstalk/>

<https://fromabcstoacts.com/jack-and-the-beanstalk-harp-lacing/>



