



Activities at Home

Dear Parents,

The activity for week 6 beginning 11th February is: The Enormous Turnip.

Learning objectives:

1. To introduce the children to a traditional tale.
2. To encourage the children's understanding of working together and achieving results as part of a team.
3. Making relevant comments about the story and answering simple questions.
4. To learn a new song with a familiar tune.
5. Learning about simple science/physics principles- pushing and pulling and applied force.

Our activity includes:

The children will be invited to gather on the mat and we will look at a real turnip and talk about what kind of food it is and where it has come from. We will read the book. "The Enormous Turnip." I will ask questions about why the farmer couldn't pull out the turnip by himself and what the children think he

could use to help him. Towards the end of the story I will talk about the idea of working together and how all the characters were able to enjoy eating the turnip as they pulled it out together. The children will be encouraged to participate in tug-of-war in small teams with an emphasis on working together. The lesson will be extended and continued with pulley systems and push buttons, cause and effect activities at the investigation table.

Our suggested activities are:

- Read traditional stories from around the world to your child.
- Go to a 'pick your own' farm!