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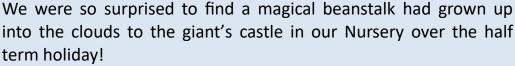
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Friday 28th February 2025

# What we have been learning this week...

This week we have started our new story of Jack and the Beanstalk!





This inspired awe and wonder in the children and they have thoroughly enjoyed reading and exploring the story so far. The children have developed their knowledge of the story through taking on the role of the giant and other characters and learning how to use their voices to represent the different characters. They have developed their ability to manipulate materials as they have made beanstalks in the clay and made cakes for the giant so he didn't gobble up poor Jack! The children can't wait to immerse themselves further in the story over the next few weeks.

Each week we are going to introduce a new Makaton sign. Makaton is a unique communication programme that uses symbols (pictures), signs (gestures) and speech to enable people to communicate. It supports the development of essential communication skills such as attention and listening, comprehension, memory, recall and organisation of language and expression.

Our Makaton Sign of the week this week is:

# angry

We are thinking about how our actions impact others.



## Reminder

It is World Book Day next week (Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March). Parents are invited to join us for a story time (Am 11:10-11:30, Pm 15.00-15:20.) We are going to wear pyjamas to celebrate World Book Day to remind us of snuggling up at the end of a long day to share a wonderful story.

We would love to see you there!



# Learning at home

Get physical and do some stomping like the giant. Move around the house stomping, up the stairs stomping, down the street stomping! This will help develop the children's dynamic balancing skills as they have to balance, move and coordinate themselves as they stamp. You could support this skill and deepen their love of story by chanting 'Fee-fi-fo-fum watch out everyone here I come!' as you stamp! Happy stamping!



## Library books

Sharing books with children is such an important but also a lovely experience to share with your child at home. Please can you ensure your child's library books are returned the following week so we can change them. Thank you

## **Nursery places**

We still have spaces available in nursery from September 2025. If you want a place or know of anyone who does, please tell them to contact the office as soon as possible. Thank you.

### Absence

If your child is unable to attend nursery, please contact the office before 9.30 on the day of absence. You can leave a voicemail on the phone if lines are busy. Tel: 01282 457235

## We need your junk!

Please could you keep bringing in your recycling, from boxes (not too big please!) to tubes (not toilet rolls please) and bottles and bottle tops. We need as much as possible to explore our creative ideas. Thank you.

### **Chocolates/sweets**

If you are bringing a sweet treat for your child after nursery, please wait until you have left nursery grounds as some children are getting upset when they see other children eating sweets/chocolate. Thank you for your understanding.

### **Key Dates**

Thursday 7th March—World Book Day.

Thursday 3rd April—nursery closes for Easter.

Friday 4th April—nursery closed for staff training.

Tuesday 22nd April—Nursery reopens.