

Welcome Back!

We hope you had a lovely Easter break and can't wait to see you back at preschool.

The weather has been very strange over the holidays - we had sunshine, rain, snow, hail and even rainbows!

The garden in the preschool is springing back into life and we can't wait to start gardening with you all and planting our fruit and vegetables.

Over the Easter break we suggested an activity and each child was given a broad bean seed. Did you read the story of Jack and the Beanstalk? Hopefully some of you will have planted your 'Beanstalks'. We are so proud of what we have achieved - the seed we started growing together at preschool has been kept safe, healthy and nurtured and has certainly been active . . . look! We might have to keep a lookout for giants in the preschool garden once we plant our beanstalk!



Have a look at the bean that has started to grow - what part of the plant would usually be under the soil and what part of the plant would be above ground?

We are really looking forward to spending lots of time outside this term and working together to see what healthy fruit and vegetables we can grow for our snacks and lunches.

Welcome back - it's going to be a busy term!

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Grow Your Own Beanstalk

What you need:

- A broad bean seed
- A jar you can see through
- Kitchen roll
- Water

Instructions:

- Swirl a small amount of water around the jar
- Damp down and fold the kitchen roll and place in the jar
- Place the bean seed in the jar between the kitchen roll and the jar
- Keep the kitchen roll damp

Your bean should start to grow roots after a few days - this is called germination.

Think about what part of the bean grows above the ground and what grows underneath the ground. Nurture your seed and keep it safe. When your plant grows leaves you can plant it carefully in the ground and grow your own healthy broad beans to eat. You could even plant your beanstalk in our growing garden at pre-school.



Jack and the Beanstalk

Once upon a time there was a boy called Jack. He lived with his mother. He didn't have many toys, all they had was a cow.

One morning, Jack's mother told Jack to take their cow to market and sell her. On the way, Jack met a man. He gave Jack some magic beans in exchange for the cow.

Jack took the beans and went back home. When Jack's mother saw the beans, she was very angry and threw them out of the window.

The next morning, Jack looked out of the window. There was a giant beanstalk. He went outside and started to climb the beanstalk.

He climbed up to the sky through the clouds. Jack saw a beautiful castle. He went inside.

Jack heard a voice, "Fee, fi, fo, fum!" Jack ran into the cupboard to hide.

An enormous giant came into the room and sat down. On the table there was a hen and a golden harp.

"Lay!" said the giant. The hen laid an egg. It was made of gold. "Sing!" said the giant. The harp began to sing. Soon the giant was asleep.

Jack jumped out of the cupboard. He took the hen and the harp. Suddenly, the harp called out, "Help! Help!"

The giant woke up and shouted, "Fee, fi, fo, fum!" Jack ran and started climbing down the beanstalk. The giant came down after him.

Jack shouted, "Mum! Help!" Jack's mother took an axe and chopped down the beanstalk. The giant fell and crashed to the ground. Nobody ever saw him again.

With the golden eggs and the magic harp, Jack and his mother lived happily ever after.

The End