

Early years Dragonfly and Ladybird Class
Story related activities.

Story of the week:



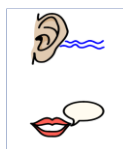
Jack and the beanstalk

Role play:



- Set up a small world scene, with a cow, dog, cat, a lady, man and a boy (Jack) figure. Find some green materials tie them altogether, to make a beanstalk leading from your small world (on the floor) up into the clouds. Place the top of the material on a chair, table or sofa, to your Giant's castle. Use some cardboard boxes or bricks to make a castle. You could be the Giant.

Phase 1 Phonics:



Phonics Silly Soup-

- Put into a bag or a large cooking pot a collection of objects which all begin with the same letter for example, (J for Jack)- Jet, jacket, jeans, jelly, jar, jellybeans, juice, jug, etc.
- Cover the bag/ pot and sing: (In tune of Frere Jacques / brother John)

"Magic Pot
Magic Pot
What's inside?
What's inside?
[Child's name] take a look,
[Child's name] take a look,
What's inside?
What's inside?"
- Encourage the child to take one object out at a time after singing the song each time. Repeatedly make the phonic sound of the letter and practice saying the word.

Jelly Play-

- If you have magnetic or gel letters hide them in the jelly, can you find the letter J/ j?

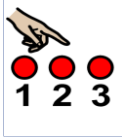
Phonic sounds-

How the letter J j sounds and things that begin with the letter J

Number activities:

Who is the tallest?

- Ask an adult if they can lay down on the floor, draw around them on the path outside or inside using paper.
- Now once you have drawn around them, can you measure how tall they are?



- Using your feet how many footsteps does it take from their head to their toes?
- Ask another member of your family to lay down and draw around them
- Are they bigger or smaller than the first person?
- Count how many footsteps from their head to their toes.
- Who is the tall giant in your family?

How many magic beans can you find?

- Fill a tray with soil
- An adult needs to write on separate pieces of paper a number 1-5, 1-10 depending on how many beans you use. Or use magnetic numbers if you have them.
- Draw and cut out some bean shapes and hide them in the soil
- Using tongs or tweezers if you have them, explore the soil, how many beans have you found?
- Count your beans, can you find the correct number written or magnetic numbers to match?

Sensory play:



Fruit and Vegetable exploration-

- Look for some fruit and vegetables of your choice.
- You may need an adult for this bit, cut the fruit or veg in half and look to see if they have magic seeds inside.
- Now using your hands or a spoon, scoop the insides of the fruit and veg and explore the texture looking for seeds.
- Talk to your adult about what you see or feel, can you see big or small seeds?

Texture play-

- Using rice crispies, big dried beans or baked beans put them into different trays or bowls (some uncooked beans can be poisonous so please check the label on the packet if you think your child may try to eat them).
- Using your hands, explore the textures - crunchy, dry, and slimy.
- Use a spade (from your bucket and spade set) or a spoon, fill different plant pots by pouring, scooping etc.

Green sensory basket-

- Look around your house and garden for green objects to fill your sensory basket.

Creative activities:







Castles in the clouds-

- Spray some shaving foam in a tray (Looks like clouds).
- Find some Duplo or wooden bricks and add to the tray (Castle).
- Build castles in the shaving foam, so it looks like you giant's castle is in the clouds.

Leaf collage-

- Cut out a leaf shape
- Using green paper, green pompoms, paint, glitter or anything else you have green, decorate your beanstalk leaf.

<p>Fine motor activities:</p> 	<p>Leaf threading-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When you go on your daily walks with your family have a look around for some nice green leaves. • When you get home, hole-punch holes around the outside of the leaf. • Use a ribbon, wool, string or shoe lace and thread you leaf. <p>Harp threading-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find a cardboard box in your recycling. • Cut a harp shape out and paint it yellow (Like the golden harp). • On the harp shape along the top and bottom use a hole-punch to make holes. • Using string thread from top to bottom making the harp strings. Continue until they are all complete. • Play your magic harp!
<p>Physical activities:</p> 	<p>Magic beans game- The adults and children take turns to call out one of the following instructions - can you remember all the right actions? Try learning them one at a time. Have a go at calling the instructions out faster and faster as you get better!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You need a large space <p>Actions-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broad beans: Stand with legs apart and arms out to the side • Stick beans: Stand tall with arms down by your side • Baked beans: Sit down with feet off the ground • Runner beans: Run around • Jumping beans: Jump • Frozen beans: Stand still • Jelly beans: Wobble
<p>Story related activities:</p> 	<p>Activities above in bold, have corresponding resources uploaded on the website page. Plus other Jack and the beanstalk activities, not on this plan are also saved under story related activities, such as-</p> <p>Songs -Jack and the beanstalk songs</p> <p>Creative -Jellybean exploration -Giant paint brush mark making -Make your very own beanstalk-instructions</p> <p>Fine motor-Cutting down the beanstalk- (2 different activities) -Colouring sheets -Cutting worksheets -Threading</p> <p>Sensory -Story tray</p> <p>Phonics -Listen to Jodie as she reads a story about the letter J</p>
<p>Additional activities this week:</p> 	<p>Sing and sign -Down at the station with Jodie</p> <p>Creative -Decorate your plant house and draw a picture of a flower or a plant you can see on your walk or in your garden. -Frozen ice art -Water pistol spray painting</p> <p>Fine motor -Cotton bud dot painting -Scissor control</p>

Sensory - Nature soup
- Flower gel bags

Physical activities-Yoga
-Nature trail

A video 'The best day of my life'- A message to everyone to stay positive and make you smile! ☺ From Dragonflies