

Big Nursery – WC 10.03.25 & 17.03.25

Our rhyme of the fortnight is:

Beanstalk Growing

(tune: Jelly on a plate -
children crouch down small and gradually grow taller)



Beanstalk growing tall, Beanstalk growing tall
Swishy, swashy, swishy, swashy
Beanstalk growing tall.

Reaching to the clouds, Reaching to the clouds,
Growing taller, Growing taller
Reaching to the clouds.

What to do at home together:

- Act out the rhyme together.
- Talk about the story of Jack and the Beanstalk.
- Look up into the sky. What can you see? Talk about clouds moving, birds and aeroplanes flying. Where are they going?

Watch the video below and share the story of Jack and the Beanstalk together.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-qxtmahpBwM>

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Our rhyme of the fortnight is:

Put Your Coat On



Put your coat on, put your coat on
And make yourself nice and cosy.
Put your coat on, put your coat on
And come along out to play.

Put your hat on, put your hat on
Make your head nice and cosy.
Put your hat on, Put your hat on
And come along out to play.

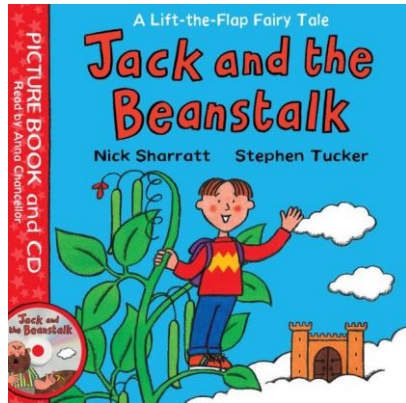
What to do at home together:

- Using various items of clothing at home, encourage your child to have a go at putting them on and helping you with the fastenings (e.g. buttons, zips, toggles).
- Watch the video below and sing this rhyme together using different items of clothing.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LJW27PDFEjg>

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Our book of the fortnight is Jack and the Beanstalk by Nick Sharratt



This is a traditional tale that explores history through castles and traditionally, how cows were kept by families to provide milk. It allows discussions on where the children get the milk that they drink today. The story explores fantasy and imagination with characters such as giants, musical harps, hens that lay golden eggs and magic beans!

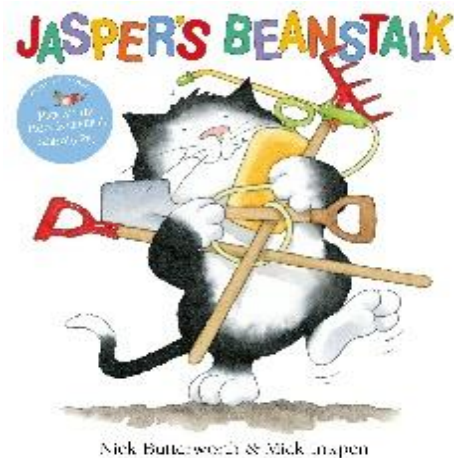
The story links well with our current interests in planting and growth.

How to get the most out of reading to young children:

- Sit close together. You could encourage your child to hold the book themselves and turn the pages, too.
- Take a look at the pictures. You don't just have to read the words on the page. What might they tell us about the story before we read the words?
- Ask questions and talk about the book. What do they think will happen next? Why did a character act in a certain way? How are they feeling?
- Have fun! There's no right or wrong way to share a story - as long as you and your child are having fun. Don't be afraid to act out situations or use funny voices... your little ones will love it!

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Our book of the fortnight is: *Jaspers Beanstalk* by Nick Butter and Mike Inkpen



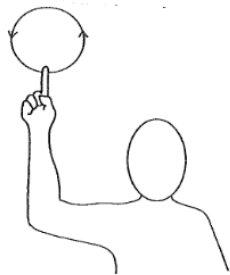
This story links to growing and planting. It emphasises the days of the week, the life cycle changes and helps children to understand how to take care of plants.

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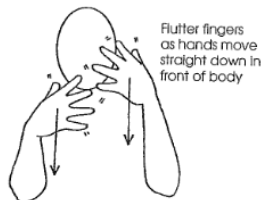
- Be expressive! How can we expect children to be engaged in a story if the adult reading it isn't.
- Picture books can be a great way to talk through your child's fears and worries, or to help them deal with their emotions.
- Give them space to talk, and ask how they feel about the situations in the story.
- Use props and toys to act out the story, either whilst you are reading it, or together afterwards.

Our Makaton signs of the fortnight are:

Sun

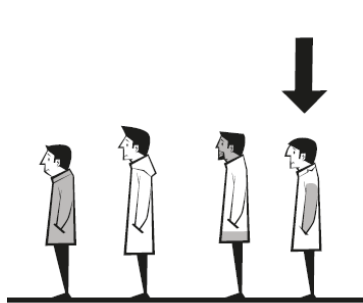


Rain

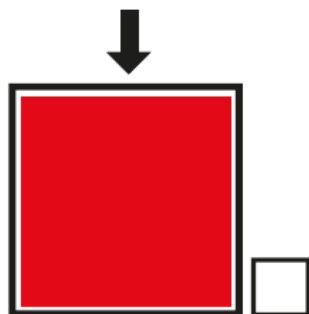


(Always remember to say the word as you sign)

Our Concept Cat signs of the fortnight are:



Last



Large

Our Right of the fortnight is:



The children have shown an interest in discussing opinions and we have linked this to their right to share their thoughts and views.

Article 12. Children have the right to an opinion and for it to be listened to and taken seriously.

This fortnight we will also be concentrating on oral health and the importance of oral hygiene. We want our children to understand the importance of oral health care. With National Oral Health day on the 20th March



Lots more early years health information, activities and recipes can be found on the Startwell website:
<https://startwellbirmingham.co.uk/>

This week we begin our new daily programme, 'Brilliant Brushers', showing children how to brush their teeth and emphasising the importance of this. Please come along to our NHS oral health workshop on 20th March at drop off times.