

Literacy

Share the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. Encourage your child to use different voices for Jack and the Giant. At the end of the story talked to your child about the parts that they liked and didn't like. You could ask questions such as 'what did Jack trade the beans for?' 'What happened to the beans' and 'What did Jack find at the top of the beanstalk?'

Understanding the World

Can you plant some seeds in the garden/in a pot and record the changes that occur? Can you talk to your child about the different parts of a plant?

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Talk about rooms in the giant's castle – what might Jack find in the giant's kitchen or in the giant's bathroom? Talk about the different rooms in a house, what Jack might find there and how big they would be in the giant's castle. Encourage children to make links to their own houses.



STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths)

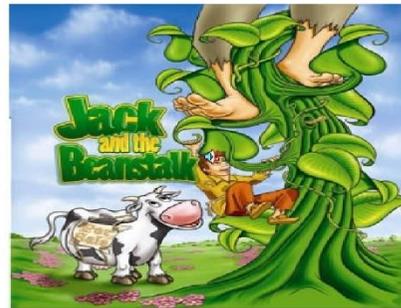
Jelly Bean science – Purchase some jelly beans from the shop. Talk to your child about the different colours and flavours of the jelly beans. Explain that you want them to help you with an experiment. What do they think will happen if we add water to the jelly beans? Add water to the pots. What do the children notice? How do they think the water tastes now? How do the jelly beans feel now?

Phonics

Remind your child that the giant in the story likes to say 'Fee Fi Fo Fum'. He likes lots of objects that begin with a 'f' sound. Encourage your child to go on a sound hunt around the house and in the garden to find items beginning with 'f'. How many can you find?

Expressive Arts and Design

Imagine a giant beanstalk grew in your garden! Draw a picture and/or write what you would like to find at the top of your beanstalk.



Maths

The beanstalk was very tall. Can you find 5 things in your house that are taller than you? Can you find 5 things that are shorter than you? For an extra challenge, can you order the items from the shortest to the longest?

Physical Development

Why not try playing the bean game with your child and the rest of the family? Play some music and when the music stops the children have to listen for an instruction and then act out that bean. E.g. baked bean – the children have to squat down to the ground; string bean – the children have to stretch up tall; broad bean – the children have to stretch their arms and legs out wide; runner bean – the children have to run as fast as they can on the spot; beans on toast – the children lie down flat on their backs. Can you come up with your own bean and action and email it to me?