

John Bear's Nursery **Activity sheet for Week Beginning: Monday 4th May**



Our activities for this week are linked to the story 'Jasper's Beanstalk' by Mick Inkpen and Nick Butterworth. You can find a link to a video of the story being read by Mrs Atthill on Monday's email. Remember you do not have to complete all of the tasks but choose which ones will work for you. Feel free to adapt them with the resources you have at home. Enjoy!

<p>On Wednesday we will be sharing a video of a game using clues to guess the different minibeasts. After watching you may like to make up your own game using clues. Perhaps you could collect some toy animals or other toys in a bag. Give a clue e.g. This animal has large ears etc. Can your child guess the animals? Swap and let your child have a turn at giving clues.</p>	<p>In our story Jasper thought there may be giants at the top of the beanstalk. Ask your child to use their imagination and think what they might find at the top of the beanstalk. What would they like to find? Can they picture it in their head? Get creative by drawing or painting a picture of what they may find at the top. Or they might like to create their idea with their construction toys or even make up a story together of what happens at the top of the beanstalk.</p>	<p>A few weeks ago we had a planting activity on our sheet. Have you been waiting like Jasper to see what happened with your seeds? Can you see anything happening above the soil yet? What has happened? Maybe you could take a photo every few days so you can see how it grows and changes. We would love you to share your pictures of the plants that are starting to grow.</p>
<p>Jasper's beanstalk grew taller and taller. We expect you have grown taller since we last for you. Who is the tallest in your family? Can you measure how tall you are and the other people in your family? Maybe you could mark it with chalk on the wall outside. Or if you have a measuring tape you could measure how tall everyone is. Can your child recognise any of the numbers on the tape? Count along the tape together.</p>	<p>Play 'hide the thimble' with a bean or small object/toy. Ask your child to leave the room or hide their eyes while you hide the object. Encourage them to use their looking eyes and then give appropriately clues using positional language e.g next to, under, behind, on top of as needed. Encourage your child to have a turn at hiding the object and to use the positional language to help you!</p>	<p>Beans in a pot. If you have some dried beans then put some (between 1-20) in a pot (if not you could use marbles, stones etc.). Can your child estimate (make a good guess) how many they think there are? If they struggle give them some guidelines e.g. Do they think there are more than 10 or less than 10? Then encourage your child to count them to check, by counting them out of the pot into a line or another container one at a time.</p>
<p>Recall the days of the week from the story. Create a diary for the week. You can write the day at the top of each page and your child could add a picture of something they've enjoyed that day. If your child is keen to write they could copy the day of the week and write a label for their picture.</p>	<p>In our story Jasper was happy, excited, frustrated and sad on different days. Remember it's good to talk with our children about their feelings. Encourage your child to express how they are feeling about missing their friends etc and reassure them that it's OK to feel like that. Remember to use the worry monster if you made one previously.</p>	<p>www.twinkl.co.uk has lots of free printable activities linked to the story 'Jasper's Beanstalk'. Read the story of Jack and the beanstalk. If you don't have it at home you can watch it on this link https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/short-stories/jack-and-the-beanstalk</p>

