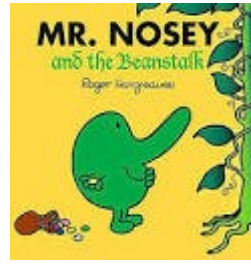
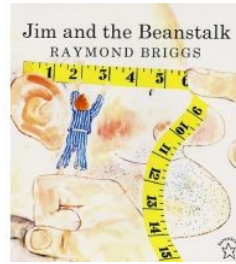
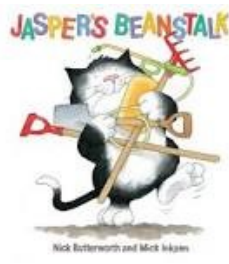
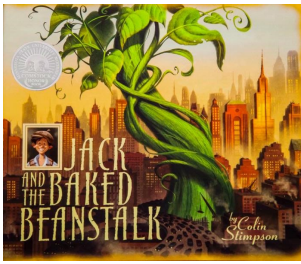


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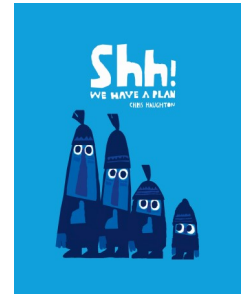
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## This term's learning theme is: New Life and Brilliant Beanstalks

### Possible activities, as many activities may be led by your child:

- ~ Reading and enjoying The Book Shh! This book will be read by all classes this week, and our English work will be linked to this.
- ~ Finding out and recalling the children's favourite books and some of the staff's favourite books.
- ~ Enacting, sequencing and recording 'Jack and the Baked Beanstalk' plus other beanstalk stories. 'Mr Nosey and the Beanstalk,' 'Jim and the Beanstalk...'
- ~ Comparing and contrasting beanstalk stories.
- ~ Working with baked beans and magic beans with a focus on one more and one less.
- ~ Story character maths investigations, problem solving, counting, mathematical vocabulary, money, counting in 2s and 10s and measure.
- ~ Ordering numbers, addition and subtraction using different methods.
- ~ Finding out what plants need to grow, testing our theories by growing cress in different conditions and then growing beans.
- ~ Finding out about the Christian Easter story.
- ~ Making chocolate Easter nests and cards, celebrating new life and spring.
- ~ Visiting a real farm and finding out about farming and hopefully meeting lambs.
- ~ Observing the life cycle of chicks really happening in school!
- ~ Holding and naming our chicks.



### The Physical Development focus this half term includes:

- ~ Completing our Frozen ice pick dance from last term.
- ~ Using tools with playdough and clay to make story characters and chicks.
- ~ Developing beanbag skills, working individually as a pair and in a small group.
- ~ Balancing beanbags, jumping off apparatus and landing.

### Special visitors and events.

- ~Eggs in an incubator in our school hall.
- ~Turning our role play area into the Giant's Castle.
- ~ Walking to our local Library to find out more and have a story there.
- ~ The Giant's legs coming through our ceiling.
- ~ Beanstalk growing competition.
- ~ An Easter egg hunt.
- ~ An egg rolling contest.
- ~ A visit to a local farm, more details to follow.



### How to help your child at home:

- ~ Continue to listen to your child read and read to your child; the benefits are crucial to your child's development.
- ~ If possible watch our story for this week, Stories for Kids - Shh! We have a plan. (Delaclub version re-tells the whole story.)
- ~ Help your child to read the words from the word walls.
- ~ Start to record numbers from 0-20.
- ~ Start to record all the lower case letters: a b c d e f g h i j k l m...
- ~ Look at numbers, shape and discuss measure in our environment /every day life!
- ~ Observe and discuss new life in our environment.

*A big thank you for all your help and support. it really is appreciated.*

