

Reception Class Newsletter

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Literacy

We have been building on our story of *Jack and the Jellybean Stalk*. In PE we learnt different action words for 'climb' and used them when pretending to climb our beanstalk ropes. We clambered, heaved ourselves up, scampered and scaled our beanstalks!
The children have loved being giants!
We explored different size words – both big and small.
Giant = enormous, gigantic, vast, huge, colossal, massive, huge
Jack = small, tiny, petite, wee, little

The children loved dressing up as a giant in a huge jacket and enormous boots!





Phonics

This week has been the most challenging so far! We have been reading words with ed endings. These can sound *t* or *id* – very confusing but the children did a brilliant job.

jumped, helped, cracked, blinked, grunted, melted, shifted, hunted

We learnt the last of our new tricky words for Reception year:
out, today
Sets of ALL Reception tricky words have been sent home to practice.



Juicy Jellybeans

This week we have been looking at jellybeans! We wanted to describe them so started by looking closely with our eyes and making a list of suitable words describing their colour, size, texture: ruby red, small, hard, smooth. Then we just had to taste them, for research purposes! We found that they were chewy, sweet, sugary, tasty, yummy, mouthwatering and delicious!

Bean tasting

We also tasted different types of savoury beans and decided whether we liked them or not!
Some children loved them.
Cannellini, pinto, kidney, butter, baked!





Maths



We have been counting number to 20 and beyond. We have played lots of games involving counting on from any given number and identifying the number of objects in a group, including beans!
We have identified what number comes next and what number is before any given number.
The children have enjoyed ordering numbers and completing missing number tracks to 20.
Outside we have enjoyed playing hopscotch with the 1-20 marked course.

Next week

- In Literacy we will be reading *Katie and The Sunflowers*
- In Phonics we will we will be revisiting all the learning so far to secure our knowledge and improve our reading fluency
- It's Phonics assessment week – the children will be working 1:1 with an adult. This will help to inform further planning and any individual support needed
- In Maths we will be adding and taking away numbers within 10

More planting and growing!

Have wonderful weekend.

