

Reception Newsletter

17th January 2020

Things we have been doing:

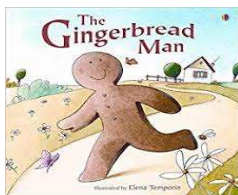
- ✚ Reading, talking about and sequencing 'Jack and the Beanstalk'
- ✚ Number values and number principles 6, 7 and 8
- ✚ Enjoying music and movement in our PE lessons
- ✚ Relishing another fabulous music lesson
- ✚ Ordering beanstalks by height
- ✚ Role playing Jack and the Beanstalk and a garden centre
- ✚ Talking about plants
- ✚ Using construction to build the tallest beanstalk
- ✚ Decorating paper beans using a marbling effect
- ✚ Continuing with our Jigsaw and school values learning
- ✚ Investigating plants
- ✚ Creating and designing a water system to water a garden
- ✚ Making wanted posters
- ✚ Creating, decorating and labelling seed packets
- ✚ Painting our own still life
- ✚ Using loose parts to count and sort objects
- ✚ Putting on performances of Jack and the Beanstalk
- ✚ Enjoying our own narrative play in our small world Jack and the beanstalk
- ✚ Challenging the children to write independently

Baking

As part of our Gingerbread Man theme, we will be baking gingerbread men. We will endeavour to purchase ingredients that take into account allergies and intolerances. However, sometimes if your child does have an allergy or intolerance it is a good idea if you could send in a biscuit that they can eat when we taste our baking. Naturally, they will all bake.

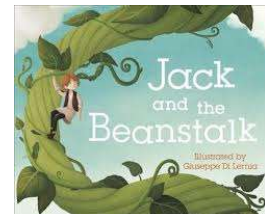
We are also asking for a 50p contribution towards the cost of ingredients.

Week commencing 13th January we will be reading:



This week we will be reading 'The Gingerbread Man'. If you have access to this story in any of its formats, it would be great if you could discuss it with your child. Spending time talking about the different characters and what happens.

This week we read:



The children enjoyed 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. We have used the story to talk about plants and was it right for Jack to take the hen and the harp. Thank you for sending in different versions of the story.

Adventures of Pepper and Patch

The children were photographers this week and Patch and Pepper had their photos taken!

We also used this as an opportunity to discuss rabbits with the children.

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Next week we will be:

- ✚ Enjoying our inside and outside bakeries
- ✚ Creating a class counting book to 10
- ✚ Baking our very own gingerbread men and noticing the changes in the biscuits when they have been cooked
- ✚ Designing clay gingerbread men
- ✚ Investigating the making 9 by measuring distance e.g. who can make the smallest 9 steps
- ✚ Designing and creating a gingerbread man using different materials
- ✚ Creating a dance about the Gingerbread man
- ✚ Investigating and exploring how some materials may change if we mix them with water
- ✚ Imagining we are the Gingerbread man and building an obstacle course to run away
- ✚ Counting the buttons we can catch in a net in the water area

Next week could you please:

- ✚ Read with your child for five minutes a night. Talk about the pictures and the story they have read so far. Please write a comment in the reading journal.
- ✚ Talk about number bonds to 5/10 – the pairs of numbers that make a given number. If your child can work out number bonds to 20 please do so.
- ✚ Please practise the following tricky words so that your child recognises them by sight: I, the, no, to, go, into
- ✚ Practise the phonemes we have been learning this week:

Phoneme sound	Writing phoneme
igh	Fly high
ow	Blow the snow
oo	Pooh at the zoo
oo	Look at a book

Earrings in PE

Could you please remember that if your child wears earrings, they have to have them taken out on a Thursday morning before our PE lessons.