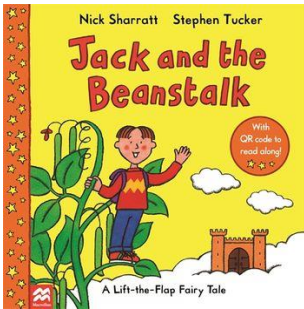


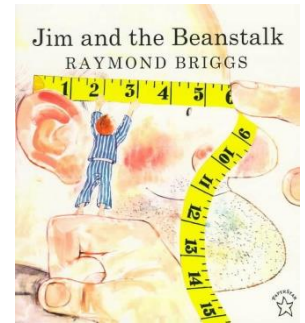


Learning to bring out the best in everyone.

Friday 7th March



We have been very busy this week in Waveney Class and we have enjoyed playing and learning in the lovely sunshine. We have continued our learning about growing. This week our focus books were the traditional tale of Jack and the Beanstalk, and Jim and the Beanstalk by Raymond Briggs.



In **LITERACY** Reception talked about how the characters might feel at different points in the story and used 'hot seating' to find out how Jack's mum felt when he sold the cow for beans. We also wrote letters to the giant. During the second half of the week, the Reception children enjoyed listening to Jim and the Beanstalk. We talked about what was the same in both stories and what was different.

Year 1 have continued to work on writing about the seasons. We used their sentence stacking work to plan a non-fiction account on the theme of the seasons, which we will write next week.

MATHS Reception worked on the number 17, counting up to 17 using a variety of objects. We looked at a number line and found the number 1 more and 1 less, and counted forwards and backwards to 17. We sang a 'days of the week' song and talked about which day comes before and after each day. We used black and white beans to work out number bonds up to 10. We also used a metre tape to measure our heads and other body parts, just like Jim measured the giant in the story.

Year 1 have been working on ordering numbers to 50, recognising and making the numbers using 10s and 1s apparatus, saying what is 1 more and 1 less than a given number, and estimating on a number line (e.g. 30 _____ 50, what number goes in the middle?).

PHONICS Reception started working on Phase 3 (j v w) and Year 1 learnt er (as in ladder) ear (as in pearl) ou (as in cloud) and oy (as in boy).

CREATIVE The Reception children drew round Rory and used his outline as a giant. We gave him a scary face, and also drew the golden hen too. All the children worked together to make it an amazing giant. Some children also looked at artworks by Georgia O'Keeffe and used oil pastels to create their own flower pictures.



Year 1 evaluated their raft models, saying how they could be improved. Some of the children used their evaluations to make a second raft.

GEOGRAPHY The Year 1 children learnt about what it is like on the Isle of Coll, an island off the west coast of Scotland.

The **Nursery** children have made fantastic 'all about me' books. We looked at photographs of when they were babies and drew self-portraits. In phonics, we played the silly soup game, sorting objects beginning with the sound t and we tapped out the syllables of our names using percussion instruments.



Tuesday was Shrove Tuesday – pancake day! We had great fun making pancakes at Forest School. We added various toppings and ate them. Yummy!

We celebrated **World Book Day** on Thursday 6th March. The children dressed as book characters and enjoyed sharing stories that they had brought in. We had characters from fairytales, Julia Donaldson books, and lots of other super book characters. Well done everyone!



Our **Star of the Week** is **Patsy** who has worked hard on lots of activities. She created beautiful flower pictures inspired by artworks by Georgia O'Keeffe, looking at them very carefully. Well done, **Patsy!**

Home Learning

- **Nursery** Learn a new nursery rhyme. Come and sing it to your friends.
- **Reception** Create a garden picture by drawing, painting or cutting out from magazines.
- **Year 1** Reading, spellings, and finding out facts about an island.

Have a lovely weekend, Thames Class Team