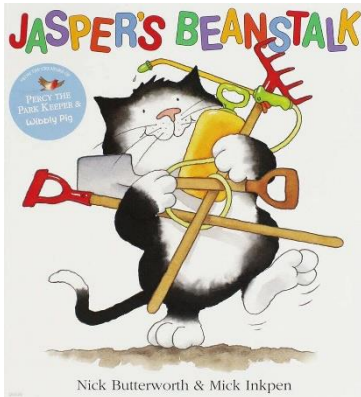




# Thames Talk

Learning to bring out the best in everyone.

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March



We have been very busy this week in Thames Class. Our focus book this week was Jasper's Beanstalk by Nick Butterworth and Mick Inkpen. We enjoyed watching an animation of the story and retelling it using mime.

In **LITERACY** Reception sequenced 4 pictures from the story and wrote a caption to go with each picture. We also played a shopping basket memory game – we took turns to remember everything that was in the basket in the correct order and then

chose something else to add. Imogen and Ivy were especially good at this game.

Year 1 have written up their non-fiction report on the theme of the seasons. They used some really interesting and ambitious vocabulary. Well done, everyone.

**MATHS** Reception worked on the number 18, counting up to 18 using a variety of objects. We looked at numbers and added beans to a beanstalk. We talked about the order of the days of the week and we compared the sizes of objects and pictures.



Year 1 have been working on measurement, ordering items by length or height and using repeated units to measure objects and pictures.

**PHONICS** Reception are working on Phase 3 (y z zz ch sh) and Year 1 have been recapping Phase 5 sounds wh ph and the alternative spellings of ee (ea as in leaf, e\_e as in eve and ie as in thief).

**CREATIVE** The Reception children enjoyed using lentils and beans to make flower pictures. We also made repeating patterns using coloured beans.

Year 1 were introduced to what tartan is, where it comes from and how the wool was originally dyed using berries, plants and parts of trees. We talked about each family, or clan, in Scotland having their own tartan. Then the children chose three colours to create different tartans for their own family.



**GEOGRAPHY** The Year 1 children learnt about what it is like on the island of Grenada in the Caribbean – the climate/weather, the geographical features (such as waterfalls, beaches and a high mountain), and what is grown on the island.

**FOREST SCHOOL** We started our session with a 'magic spot' to reflect and enjoy quiet time outside. Then we were very busy in the mud kitchen and digging area, and planting more willow, cutting back shrubs and relaxing in the hammock.

The **Nursery** children have made salt dough characters for the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. Fearne decided to make Jack's mother and Wilbur made Jack. We talked about the features they needed to add. "Ears, these are Jack's ears," Wilbur said as he pushed little balls of dough onto Jack's head.

"Jack's mummy has got long hair, look." Fearne rolled long sausages of dough then put them on Jack's mum's head. "She needs ears too," she said. They also compared the sizes of beanstalks.



**REQUEST** Next week we are doing lots of activities using vegetables. Please, can your child each bring 2 different vegetables. Thank you.



Our Star of the Week is **Thomas** who has been very focussed on his learning and has worked hard. Well done, **Thomas!**

### Home Learning

**Nursery** Go on a flower hunt. How many different colours can you find?

**Reception** Can you put 5 or more items in order of size from the biggest to the smallest. You could use shoes/socks/pencils/sticks/even potatoes.

**Year 1** Reading, spellings, and measurement activity in home learning book.

Have a lovely weekend, Thames Class Team