



# Tiger's Newsletter



7th May 2021

This week we read the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. Many of the children already knew this story and enjoyed comparing it with the story they have at home. We talked about how this is a traditional tale which lots of authors have written in their own words. Sometimes they might add or change parts of the story. This is why we might have different versions of the same story. Can your child tell you the story of Jack and the Beanstalk?

This week in our writing, we have been looking at plants and flowers. The children have used the sentence starter 'It has...'. Every day they have written a different sentence about something a plant has. Challenge your child to write an 'It has' sentence at home.

In maths, we have been practising our addition. We have made two sets of objects and counted them all to find how many altogether. We have been using the language of **first**, **then** and **now**. For example, **first** there were 3 people on the bus **then** 2 more people got on. **Now** there are 5 people on the bus. Why not practise some first, then and now stories with your child at home?

In our creative work this week, we made mixed media collages of the giant's castle at the top of the beanstalk. We used lots of different skills including cutting, folding, twisting and scrunching to change the materials we used.

## Plant growth

This week as scientists, we have been finding out how plants grow. We discovered that first, a root starts to grow down into the soil then a shoot begins to grow up to the sun. We have found out that plants need four things to make them grow – soil, water, sunlight and air. We are caring for and observing the seeds we are growing at school. We also discussed wild flowers including, lavender, poppies, cow parsley and dandelions. Why not go on a wild flower walk and see which flowers you can find?

## Growing Beans at Home

The children are keeping us up to date with the progress of their beanstalks at home. It would be lovely to know how tall they are so the children can compare with each other. If their bean has grown, please can you help your child to measure it? They can write down its height on a piece of paper and bring it to school next week.

Please remember if you have a question or query you can:

- drop an e-mail to our tiger class e-mail address - [leebrigggtigers@watertonacademytrust.org](mailto:leebrigggtigers@watertonacademytrust.org)
- or wait and speak to a member of the Reception team at the end of the school day.

Have a good bank holiday weekend and thanks for all your support x