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Happy New Year!

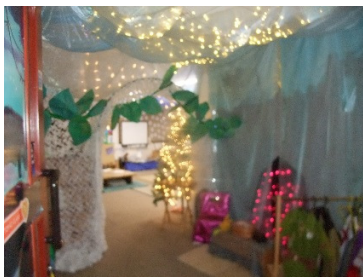
Learning



Our big question this term is 'What's behind the door?' Our main focus is to explore different stories and develop storytelling. The project overview is available on the website.

The children looked amazing in their character outfits on Monday to start our project.

Our classroom has had an environment transformation to a magical story land. There is a giant's castle, Jacks' cottage and garden area for our role-play and computers. Our reading area is within Rapunzel's tower.



We have shared several different versions of Jack and the Beanstalk in literacy and talked about vocabulary used. We have thought about other words that mean the same as words like sneaked, peeped, whispered, bellowed. The children really enjoy this and it is a really good thing to do as you read to help their understanding and develop vocabulary that they can draw on in the future.

The children have already had a challenge from Jack's mum as she needed some flowers for her garden. They needed to be a specific height so it helped us link our language of measure, counting and painting skills that we had started to work on before Christmas. The garden now looks wonderful.

There was also a magical beanstalk to make. For this we used our handwriting patterns in pastel and washed over to make some magical leaves. A super team-work project that we can feel proud of. Let's hope we don't find a giant tumbling down it!

We will continue to look at traditional stories for the next few weeks so reading these at home and discussing vocabulary will help. The stories of The Three Pigs, The Three Bears, Rapunzal, The Gingerbread Man would all be good choices. After sharing as well as discussing words, talking about the sequence of the story would also help.

Kind regards, Sally Windmill

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