



Friday 21st May 2021

Dear All,

Back in October we had staff training on Talk 4 Writing. This is a way of planning where children learn and re-learn a story, taking part in lots of different activities to make the story stick, before having a go at changing the story into one of their own. This week has seen the first in a 2 week Talk 4 Writing project across the whole federation. All of the children have been learning the story of Jack and the Beanstalk and there have been lots of arts, music and drama activities for them to enjoy. Next week will begin the process of writing stories of their own and we hope that we will be able to share some of these with you soon. Why not ask your child if they can remember all of the actions?

The weather this week has been a real mixed bag and we are definitely not into full summer weather just yet. Please remember to make sure your children have warm clothes and a waterproof coat whatever the time of year as there have been some chilly, soggy children this week! Let's hope it improves over the weekend and we can enjoy the sunshine again.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs L Watts – Executive Headteacher

This week in class...

Pre-school: We have been testing our memories this week in preschool by playing Kim's Game. The children became quite good at naming the missing items and enjoyed the competition. Steph also brought in some red deer antlers and the children have spent the week exploring them and learning about them. Another topic for discussion this week has been around the difference between good and bad secrets as part of our safeguarding practice.

Acorn: This week Acorn have been busy learning the story of Jack the Beanstalk and have had fun hot seating some of the characters. They have designed their own giants, created story maps and have even built their own giant beanstalk. There have also been lots of beanstalk themed maths, including Magic Bean sharing.

Oak: Oak class have really enjoyed their first week of Talk 4 Writing on the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. We have been imitating the story and acting out our own versions, including sitting in the hot seat to be interviewed about different parts of the story. The children have also really enjoyed creating their own story maps and thinking of visual ways to tell the story. In PSHE we have been discussing whether it is right to take other people's belongings and the children wrote their thoughts around this on their own leaf to create our own class beanstalk.

Classroom organisation

As restrictions begin to ease across the country, we continue to review our Covid-19 risk assessment. We have noticed that the down sides of sitting the children in rows (in KS2) are now having a real impact on the children's learning and their friendships in class. As the rate of infection is now so much lower, we have decided that the children will be able to sit in groups from now on. They will still have a designated space and we will clean chairs etc. if the children move but hopefully this will be another step on the road to our new 'normality'!

Northrepps Parish Council and Village Hall Committee

Lorna Fish has contacted the school to say that they would love a representative from the school to be part of the Parish Council or the Village Hall Committee to ensure that our views are represented. If you would be interested in supporting the village in this way, then please contact the office.



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