

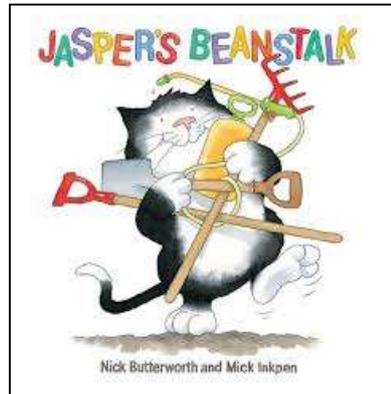
Hello nursery children!

I hope you enjoyed last week's activities. We noticed last week that the Nursery growing beds were full of weeds – some of them were really tall! Mrs Rushton worked hard with a group of children to pull up the weeds and the beds are now ready for some new plants to go in. With that in mind, this week's story is 'Jasper's Beanstalk' by Nick Butterworth and Mick Inkpen. It's about a cat who plants a bean and waits for it to grow into a beanstalk. What would you like to see growing in our Nursery garden? Keep an eye on Twitter to see how the Nursery garden is coming along. Please ask your grown ups to email any photos / work to me: [nursery@ashgrove.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:nursery@ashgrove.cheshire.sch.uk) or Tweet them: [@ashgrovenursery](https://twitter.com/ashgrovenursery)

I look forward to hearing from you!

Lots of love from

Mrs Wolvin



Watch the story 'Jasper's Beanstalk' being read using the link below.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Da6lxY\\_8jmU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Da6lxY_8jmU)

Story Discussion CLL, L, PSED, UW

Before reading, look at the front cover image together. What are those tools? What do you think Jasper is going to do?

Discuss the story together. Can you tell me what happened in the story?

What did Jasper do to help his bean to grow?

What is another word for 'mowed'?

What do you think Jasper will find at the top of the beanstalk?

What do you think might happen next?

Do you think all beans are magic? Why? / Why not?

Make Your Own Beanstalk EAD, MD, PD, CL, UW, PSED, L

Jasper's bean became a giant beanstalk when it grew. Make your own beanstalk at home. Is it taller than you or shorter than you? Count how many leaves you have on your beanstalk. You could write the numbers on the leaves.





Planting PD, PSED, CL, UW, MD, EAD

Have a go at planting some cress or grass seeds. They grow really quickly and you can give them a trim if they get too long. Watch this video to find out how to make cress heads.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/makes/mr-blooms-nursery-cressheads>

Sunflower seeds grow really tall. Plant one in a pot and see how long it takes to grow as tall as you. Hopefully, you won't have to wait as long as Jasper did! Keep a diary to show how the sunflower changes as it grows. You could measure your sunflower to see how tall it is.

Natural Art EAD, PD, CL, UW, MD

Use natural materials and get creative to make some art work in the style of the artist Andy Goldsworthy.



Rhyme Time EAD, MD, PSED, UW, CL

Jasper does something each day in the story. Sing the 'Days of the Week' song to learn the names of the days.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oKqAblcwFOA>



Learn this song – 'In My Little Garden'. Count the potatoes as you sing!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RbBuH4QIfOI>

