



### Fee Fi Fo Fum!

The children have thoroughly enjoyed reading Jack and the Beanstalk this week. We have had fun creating actions for the story and role playing the story with puppets and in the small world. We have had a few intricate castles built in the construction area and some children even chose to turn a giant box into a beanstalk! In Literacy, we have had a go at making the story our own by changing the giant to a different character! We have had trolls, tigers, witches, dragons, dinosaurs and many more! The children added their character on to their own story map and wrote a sentence.

### How Heavy?

We have been exploring weighing this week. We have been using the balancing scales to compare the weights of two objects, using mathematical vocabulary. The children have learned how to use the balancing scales and what it means when one side is down, and one side is up. They have also learned what it means when both sides look the same (balanced).

### Junk Modelling

The children have been getting very creative and have used recycling to create their own musical instruments. They explored various ways of attaching parts of their instruments and had to think carefully about using the correct tools and media. Please see our gallery for some cracking photos!

### All About EYFS

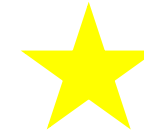
We hope you enjoyed reading about the Characteristics of Effective Learning last week. This week, we are sharing 'What happens early, matters for a lifetime'.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend!

The Reception Team 😊

### Things to Remember:

- Show and Tell each Monday – *one small item.*
- Library book changing day – Monday
- Home readers changing days:
  - Monday - Zebras*
  - Tuesdays - Parrots*
  - Wednesday – Monkeys*
- Phonics Folders are to be handed in on Wednesdays and will be sent back out with new sounds on Fridays.
- Please pre-order your child's school dinner



### Star Awards

*Aiden & Reyah*

### Writer of the Week

*Emily*



### Our week in photos – check out our class gallery:

<https://www.harris.lancs.sch.uk/works/6754/9571>

# What happens early, matters for a lifetime

- [Research](#) tells us that what happens at home makes the biggest difference to your child's early learning and development.
- Playing together, singing, enjoying books, visiting the library, painting, drawing and finding out through play about letters, numbers and shapes are important activities to do at home. These activities are learning opportunities.
- These learning activities will make a difference to your child's learning right up to secondary school.



***What parents do is more important than who parents are.***





# What happens early, matters for a lifetime

## Chat, Play, Read

*Giving your child the best start in life.*

- Children love to talk about all sorts of things. Make time to have back and forth conversations.
- Don't feel embarrassed talking to your baby – it's never too soon to start communicating with them!
- Go with what your child is interested in. This will help them learn lot of new words.



# Chat

**The benefits to your child learning more than one language are huge.**

- Talk and play with your child in the language that you feel most comfortable and confident using.
- Sing, read and tell stories in your home language – rhyme and repetition help your child to remember words.
- Home languages give your child a connection to their culture and heritage. Encourage your child to use all their languages – they will feel closer to people and part of their community.





# Play

- Play helps children learn about the world and themselves. Children need time and space to play freely. Sometimes it is helpful if you sensitively join in with your child's play, too.
- Children need outdoor play.
- Play is essential for your child's wellbeing and development. It is part of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (1989).
- There are many everyday moments like bath time and dinner that you can make playful. Help your child to learn in a fun and relaxed way.



## Read

- Sharing books and telling stories is a lovely way to build closeness and encourage conversations.
- Sharing books with your child at a young age will help them to develop a love of reading.
- Read and share stories with your baby.
- Talk to your child about what is happening in the pictures.
- Young children love to hear and read their favourite books and stories again and again.



Have fun together!  
Use silly voices and  
act things out that  
happen in the book.

Even a few  
minutes can make  
a difference.