



## News Story - National Bean Day

To celebrate 'National Bean Day' our pre-school children enjoyed a fun day inspired by the story 'Jack and the Bean Stalk.' We explored the story together, talking about how the beanstalk grew and what Jack might have seen at the top.

The children then got creative by making their own beanstalks using playdough, carefully rolling, stretching, and staking it to make it grow taller and taller. We had many exciting comments as they worked hard on their beanstalk as a team... "This is going to be a tall beanstalk." "It's going to grow all the way to the clouds!" This story supported fine motor skills as well as imagination and storytelling as the children proudly shared with friends.



The pre-school children also took part in a lively bean germination experiment, observing how beans grow and adapt to their environment overtime. The children were fascinated to see the changes and learned a lot through exploring, predicting, and discussing what might happen next.

Towards the end of the week, they also enjoyed making their own 'Jack and the Beanstalk' storybooks, using glue to stick different scene pictures. The children learned about sequencing the story in chronological order, developing their understanding of beginning, middle and end. Once finished the children proudly looked through their storybooks and narrated the story to their peers and Apa's, building confidence, communication skills, and storytelling knowledge.

The toddlers enjoyed a fun math's-based bean activity where the children matched numbers to the correct quantity of beans, counting carefully and checking their work. Some children were very confident whilst others took their time and asked for help showing great perseverance. We also had plenty of reactions from children declaring "I don't like beans!" but all the while still joining in with a smile. Through counting and matching the children developed early math's skills and confidence in a fun and engaging way.

