

Hello Reception!

Another week of home learning and we do hope you are still enjoying the activities here. We know you will all be doing as much as you can at home to work through them, and we really do appreciate that. The learning experiences you share on Tapestry are wonderful and always bring smiles to our faces.

We continue to be blessed with lovely spring weather giving us lots of opportunities to take learning outdoors, wherever possible. We hope that the suggestions for using natural resources in some of these activities eases the need for paper and further equipment at home.

Keep safe and take care,

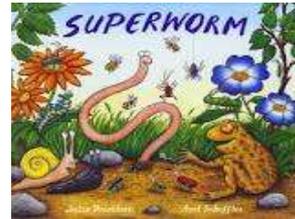
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## 1. Maths Activity

To access this week's Maths learning you can go to <https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/> and click on Summer Term, week 5. This week's learning is linked to the book 'Superworm' by Julia Donaldson. You may have your own copy at home but if not you can find it here;



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Jnk3XApKBg>

## 2. Writing activity challenge 1: Busy Book

**Here are some pictures. Look at them carefully and talk about what you can see.**

Try to write one sentence. You can write a word independently if you find a sentence tricky, and someone at home can help you with the rest of the sentence. Use your phonic knowledge to help you.

Write two or more sentences for an extra challenge! Can you think of a different word to start your sentence this week?

Before you begin to write, hold your sentence in your head and say your sentence. Say it again. Then say it again! Count the words. Clap out the syllables. Now hold up the number of fingers to represent each words in your sentence. Hold up 5 fingers to remember:

1. Capital letters
2. Use your sounds
3. Snuggle the letters
4. Kinetic letters
5. Full stop

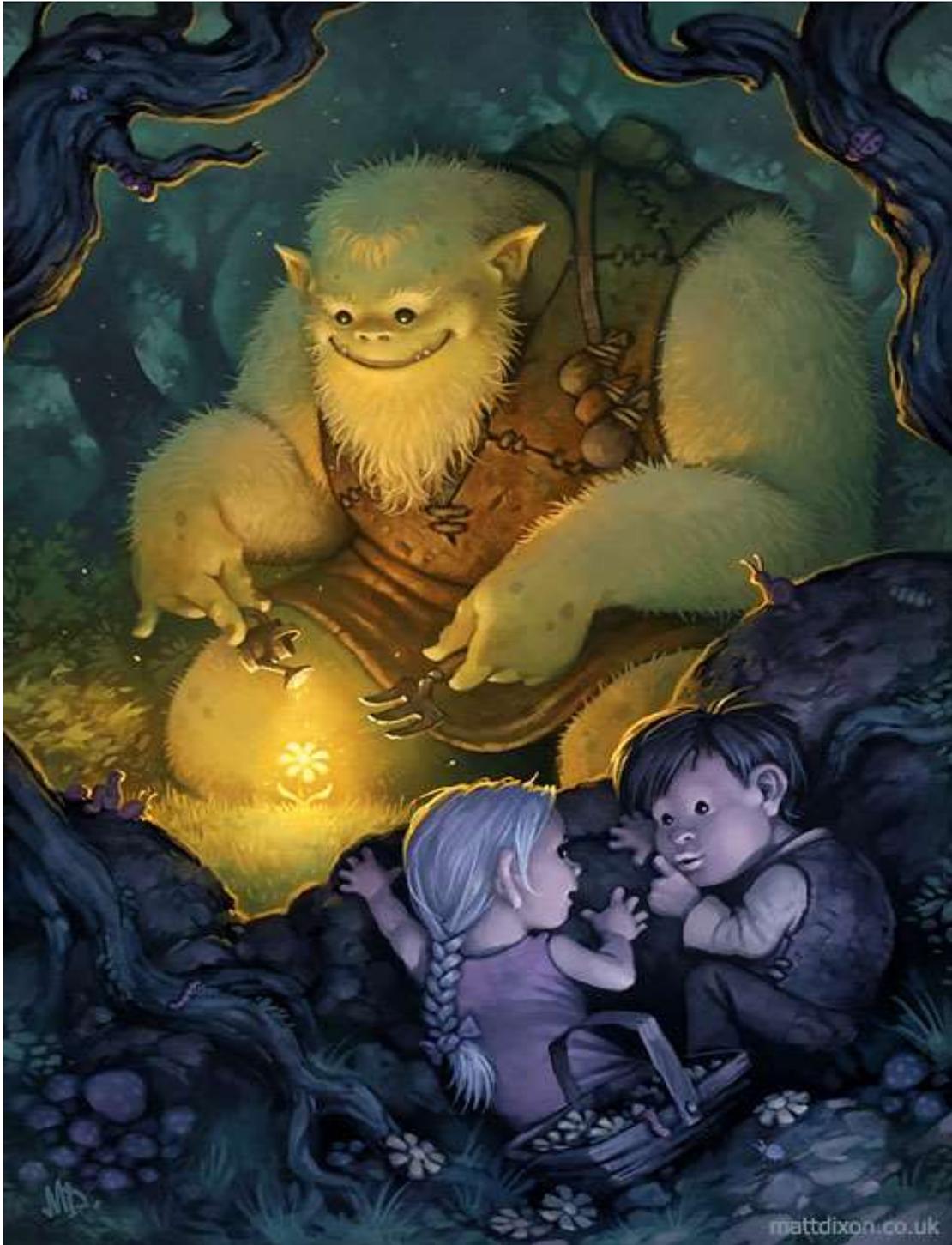
There are 3 pictures here. You can write a sentence each day about the pictures below. You might like to draw your own picture of a favourite toy, or character, and write about it too. You may see a picture in a book or catalogue you want to write about.



Who is this? Where is she? What might she be looking at?



What might he writing? Why do all of the trees have writing on the?  
What is on his hand?



Why are the children in the woods? What might they do next? What would happen if the creature saw them?

### **3. Writing activity challenge 2: Jack and The Beanstalk**

This week we will look at another traditional tale, Jack and The Beanstalk.



You've probably heard this story before. If you don't have a copy of the story at home you can find it here;

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dspbVzmQEN0>

Do you think that Jack made a good choice when he took the Giant's belongings? Why was the Giant feeling so cross?

Can you retell the story? Can you tell it again but change the character Jack, for a different person? Or change the Giant? Maybe you could retell the story and instead of a castle in the clouds, the beanstalk could take you to space!

Lots of traditional stories begin with 'Once upon a time'. Your challenge is to write your own traditional story with a twist! To help you, you can create a list of characters / places / objects to choose from. Write down the numbers 1 to 6 and next to each number, a character e.g., soldier, butterfly, wizard etc. Repeat this for 6 different settings e.g., a forest, a pirate ship, a park etc. Repeat it again for 6 different objects.

To begin your story, roll the dice. Your character is the one that matches your first number rolled. Roll the dice another time to choose your setting in the same way, and roll the dice a final time to choose your object / objects.

You can use any other traditional tale to create your own story from by changing the key features. How many different stories can you create this way? Write the story that is your favourite.

#### 4. Phonics/Spelling challenge 1: Busy Bee Spelling

Can you create a target like this?



You could use big paper or an unwanted piece of fabric. Label each hole with one of the following words;

**he**  
**she**  
**me**  
**we**  
**be**  
**was**

That's great! Now can you make a simple paper aeroplane? You can follow some instructions here;

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r9ReNKZiZNc>

When someone calls out a word, try and fly your paper aeroplane through the correct hole. Take turns so that you now call the words out. Can you remember the words to try and spell them now? Have a go!

### **5. Phonics challenge 2:**

Zig is missing you at school!



Can you help him parrot talk the sounds and slide them together in these words? Maybe you could change an old sock into a Zig of your own like this.



You could make a paper one instead, if you prefer.

Your puppet could parrot talk the sounds for someone at home. Once they've heard the sounds can they slide them together and tell you the word? Take turns so you can slide the sounds together next time. You might want to write the words down first and add sound buttons to help you.

Here are some words with a 'th' sound in them. Is it the short sound (as in 'that') or the long sound (as in 'think')? Try each one and see which one sounds right.

think  
that  
path  
smooth

These words all have a 'ure' sound in them;

sure  
lure  
pure  
secure

These words all have a 'qu' sound in them;

quack  
quench  
liquid  
squish

These words all have a 'll' sound in them;

shall  
spill  
tell  
smell

Perhaps you could have a day of 'Zig' talking! E.g., 'It's time for b-e-d',  
'Can you pass me a c-u-p, please?'

## **6 Additional activities**

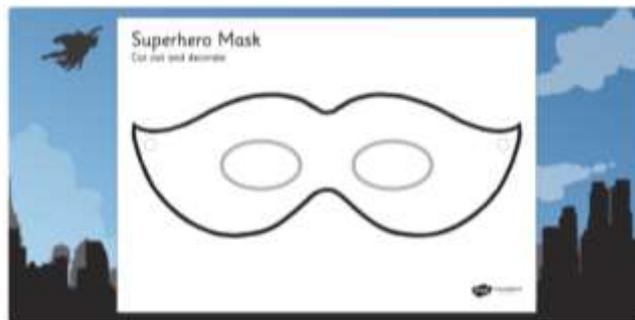
### **Magic Beanstalk**

Jack grew a magic beanstalk that reached up into the clouds. Are you growing anything in your house, or your garden? If you have some seeds maybe you could plant them and record each week how much they have grown. Take good care of them. They might grow as tall as the magic beanstalk!



Please can you help us? Jack has sent some magic beans to our classroom but we're not sure what we need to do with them. What do we need to begin? **Could you write a set of instructions for us to follow?** Maybe we will have a beanstalk at school!

### Superworm super powers



Did you know that worms have no eyes or ears? They 'feel' the earth moving around them instead. We have 5 senses; touch, taste, sight, hearing, smell. Here is a game you might enjoy that challenges your listening skills.

First of all you need a super hero mask. You can find one of Twinkl or design and make your own. At this point leave the mask complete, so that it covers your eyes completely.

Wearing your mask, sit in the middle of the room. The other player takes a bunch of keys or something that is tricky to carry quietly. They must place the keys by your feet without you hearing them. If you hear any sound at all you have to point in that direction and say 'freeze!'. Did you point in the right direction?

You could use your mask to explore another sense such as guessing a smell. When you are ready you can finish your super hero mask so that you can now see!

## Tree detective

Next time you go for a walk look carefully at all of the trees. Collect one leaf from each different tree that you find. You could thread them onto a stick to keep them safe as you go. Once you are home see if you can match and identify any of them here.



You can find out lots more detail of each tree here;

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/trees-woods-and-wildlife/british-trees/a-z-of-british-trees/>

You can help scientists by adding your findings to the Natures Calendar, and be part of the longest written biological record ever kept, over 300 years!

<https://naturescalendar.woodlandtrust.org.uk/>

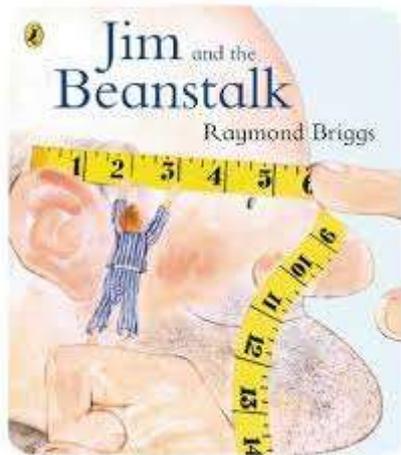
Trees are so important. Can you find out some of the ways they help us, other creatures and the environment?

What is the tallest tree in the world? What is the oldest tree in the world?

Trees take care of one another by sharing information. Do you know that scientists call this communication the Wood Wide Web?! What can we do to help take care of trees around the world?

## **Big art**

Here is an alternative version of the traditional tale Jack and The Beanstalk. It's called Jim and The Beanstalk by Raymond Briggs.



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

Can you spot the similarities? How are the two stories different? Which story do you like the most?

The Giant in this story needs some new glasses and is finding it tricky to see. Can you write your name for him using different materials on a big scale? You can use anything from home, or the outdoors. Here are a few suggestions;

- Sticks
- Stones
- Flowers
- Lego
- Clothes
- Cars
- Teddies

You have an amazing imagination so I know you will think of lots more ways to do this! It might look something like this...



### **The world's oldest toy**

Spring time is a busy time for nest building and laying eggs for many birds. Building a nest is a great skill and choosing the right stick for the job is essential! Is it bendy enough? Is it long enough? Strong enough? Can I weave it? Can you have a go at making a nest? Weave the sticks together and use dried grass and fallen leaves to fill in the gaps. Test it with some small stones once you have finished. Did it take the weight and stay together?

Considered the world's oldest toy, sticks have so many uses. If you can find a forked stick you could make a nature loom. Watch this video to find out how;

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2019/11/stick-crafts-activities/>

What else could you do with sticks?

## **7.Staying active suggestions**

‘Superworm is super strong, Superworm is super strong!’

You can keep your body strong by keeping active. A strong core helps us in so many ways. Try these activities;

Superworm became a hula hoop in the story. If you have a hoop, how long can you keep it spinning for? If you have a skipping rope, how many jumps can you complete? Lie the skipping rope on the floor like a wiggly worm and walk along it toe to toe. You could draw a line on the floor outside with chalk as an alternative.

Stronger cores help us all the way down to our fingers. You may like to try this nature picture activity. Take some card and cut it into any shape that you like. Carefully push some holes through the card. Now you can thread objects such as flowers and leaves through the holes to create a picture. You could use string or wool to thread too.



There are many online resources available to help you stay active. Here are some that you may enjoy-

Tokyo Ten Activities <https://www.getset.co.uk/resources/travel-to-tokyo/tokyo-ten>

BBC super movers <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers>

## **8.Links to further learning**

Here are some more links that you might find useful.

David Walliams reads from his books everyday;

<https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/watch-and-listen/>

Early Years Consultant and author Greg Botrill presents Play School TV;

<https://www.childcareeducationexpo.co.uk/join-the-adventures-with-greg-his-two-dogs-and-a-whole-host-of-characters-for-his-daily-series-play-school-tv/>

CBBC's Maddie and Greg present 'Let's go live' daily at 11.00am. You can see all episodes from the link here;

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b7bi3xOZpaM>

Oxford Owl for free to access ebooks

[www.oxfordowl.co.uk](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk)

Audible is currently offering some free to access audio books -no account needed

<https://stories.audible.com>

Get Squiggling- learning letters through stories.

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCg\\_q6YX1y3DG8Ttu\\_7mJ12Q](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCg_q6YX1y3DG8Ttu_7mJ12Q)

Alphablocks – learning sounds and word building.

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC\\_qs3c0ehDvZkbiEbOj6Drg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_qs3c0ehDvZkbiEbOj6Drg)

Numberblocks

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPlwvN0w4qFSP1FIIALB92w>

Cbeebies for games, activities and Bedtime Stories

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tv/cbeebies>

Singing Hands UK – some free content to access of songs and stories, with accompanying Makaton signs to learn.

<https://singinghands.co.uk/>

Cosmic yoga, from mindfulness to high energy

<https://www.cosmickids.com/category/watch/>

Jump Start Jonny – high energy!

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8PDFwCV0HHcl08-1SzdiBw>

Book Trust – enjoy storytime with their free online books and videos, plus play games and more

[www.booktrust.org.uk](http://www.booktrust.org.uk)

50 Fantastic Ideas to Try at Home from educational consultant Alistair Bryce-Clegg

[www.abcdoes.com/home-learning](http://www.abcdoes.com/home-learning)

A national campaign to provide parents with simple, fun activities for children from birth to 5

[www.hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk](http://www.hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk)