

# A MESSAGE FROM RECEPTION

This term in Reception we have been on our adventures into storyland and using our imaginations in the world of fantasy and make-believe.

Our first imaginary world was within the traditional story of Jack and the Beanstalk. When we noticed some giant legs appear in our skylight and a terribly tall beanstalk the children were hooked! Stories, discussion, questions galore about where the giant had come from, how we could help him and if we had seen any of his missing golden eggs! We even planted our own beanstalks- with limited success! Gardening is all about trial and error isn't it!!

The following weeks saw us share many more quality texts featuring dragons and other mythical creatures, knights, royal characters, fairies and unicorns. 'How to Grow a Unicorn' by Rachel Morrisroe has inspired many imaginary discussions around what fantasy plants we could grow and culminated in us making our very own unicorn poop, a magical manure as described in the story!

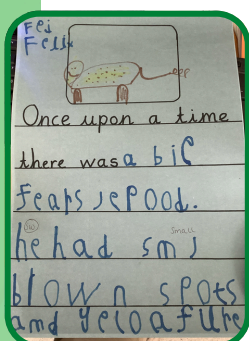
Alongside this fun we have been regularly exploring the environment and Forest School area looking for signs of spring, growing more plants and flowers from seeds and building fairy houses from natural materials.

We had a very special trip out of school to Brighton Museum and The Royal Pavilion. This supported our knowledge and understanding of the past and present. In the museum, Louise, the museum teacher, told us all about what a museum is for and how this museum tells the story of Brighton people over time. In the afternoon, we grabbed our 'dragon spotting' goggles and headed to the Royal Pavilion. Much excitement and imagination spilled out as we made soup for tiny dragons and searched high and low for the mischievous mythical creatures all while walking in the footsteps of royalty. Our imaginations were well and truly sparked!

From our storytelling experience and all the real and imaginary worlds we have explored this term, we have been able to use all we have learnt about story structure to tell and write our own stories. Our ideas are flowing and our writing skills are going from strength to strength.

Another absolute highlight has to be the 'Big Make' family sessions. The children were joined by special adults to help them realise their plans for a castle model. There were so many wonderful creations and we have enjoyed playing with them in class as part of our story telling. Thank you so much to those who could attend.

Our next topic is based around our local environment. 'Here's Looking Around Me' is a journey into our very own part of this amazing world. We will explore Mile Oak and Brighton, thinking about all the fantastic things we have around us, old and new. We will also be appreciating all the everyday heroes that keep our city moving and how we can play our part in looking after ourselves and our home. It would be a great opportunity to discuss what activities you do at home to look after our environment for all of our futures.



... The Reception Team