

## THEME: Panto Time!

At this time of year theatres, community centres and Church halls are full of pantomimes. 'Oh no they're not'....'Oh yes they are!' There's one 'behind you' and in front and all around, with this 'Jack and The Beanstalk' Panto time fun!

An introductory activity can be used as the Squirrels arrive at the meeting place – colouring or simple puzzles can keep children occupied until all the Drey arrives or use a 'joining-in' style game, such as 'The farmer wants a wife' or a circle format ball game.

Add snack time where necessary!

| TIME (mins) | ACTIVITY  | EQUIPMENT   |
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| 5           | Welcome, Register, Opening Ceremony, Introduction to Programme  |   |
| 10          | <b>GAME: Bean Game</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>The Squirrels act out the simple actions for a few well known 'beans'</i></li> <li>○ <i>Explain the different actions the Squirrels must do when a Leader call out a type of bean at random</i></li> <li>○ <i>Jelly bean – wobble and wobble from side to side</i></li> <li>○ <i>Runner bean – run fast</i></li> <li>○ <i>Broad bean – try and make themselves as big as possible by puffing out cheeks, arms and legs out wide</i></li> <li>○ <i>Baked bean – everyone clumps together as in a tin!</i></li> </ul>          | None  |
| 10          | <b>ACTIVITY: Plant a Magical Bean</b><br>A Leader can actually plant a real bean while the children are singing this song and doing the actions adapted from Scholastic Creative Play.<br>OR if preferred, the Squirrels could all plant their own bean to take home in individual plastic pots or drinking cups.   | Song words<br>Plant pot, soil, bean<br>Jug of water, spoon<br>Kitchen roll, wipes |
| 10          | <b>STORY: Read one of the many versions of 'Jack and the Beanstalk'</b> available from local Libraries. Usborne do simple versions of traditional fairy stories. The children might like to try and act out this well known story! Don't forget the giant's rhyme, 'Fee fi fo fum', you could add your own twist to the end, 'I'm the giant and here I come!' or 'If I catch you, you're in my tum!'  | Story book  |
| 10          | <b>GAME: Sleeping Giant</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Choose a Squirrel to be the giant, who sits with a Leader on the floor, leaning against a wall pretending to be asleep</i></li> <li>○ <i>Scatter dried beans on the floor near the Leader</i></li> <li>○ <i>The Squirrels creep up and try to pick up some beans</i></li> <li>○ <i>Suddenly the giant 'wakes up' and tries to catch a Squirrel</i></li> <li>○ <i>Any Squirrel caught must return their collected beans!</i></li> <li>○ <i>Ensure that everyone has a turn at being the 'sleeping giant'!</i></li> </ul> | Dried beans   |



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| 10 | <b>GAME: Giant's Steps</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>The Drey start off moving round the room taking giant steps</i></li> <li>○ <i>They can then add other actions on a Leader's instruction – mouse steps, marching steps, princess steps, horse steps, etc.</i></li> </ul> | None |
| 5  | Closing, Home  |      |

## Plant a magic bean

*tune of 'If you're happy and you know it'*

Let's all plant a magic bean in a pot,  
 Let's all plant a magic bean in a pot,  
 Let's all plant a magic bean - the biggest you've ever seen,  
 Let's all plant a magic bean in a pot!

Let's all make a great big hole to put it in,  
 Let's all make a great big hole to put it in,  
 Let's all make a great big hole, we're digging like a mole,  
 Let's all make a great big hole to put it in!

Let's all water the magic bean to make it grow,  
 Let's all water the magic bean to make it grow,  
 Let's all water the magic bean to make it big and green,  
 Let's all water the magic bean to make it grow!

Let's all watch the magic beanstalk grow and grow  
 Let's all watch the magic beanstalk grow and grow  
 It's growing up so high, it's nearly at the sky!  
 Let's all watch the magic beanstalk grow and grow!

Let's all climb the magic beanstalk to the top,  
 Let's all climb the magic beanstalk to the top,  
 Let's climb up all the way, it's going to take all day!  
 Let's all climb the magic beanstalk to the top!

