

Dear parents and Kwela students,

I have made up some fun tasks for you to do at home while we are away from each other. Firstly, it's important to remember that we all need to take care of our physical and mental health. For my family and I, that has meant going for a walk each day, eating healthy food, being extra kind and patient with each other, and of course washing our hands well.

These tasks are not meant to add stress on yourself or your parents. Doing the tasks will help keep your mind strong and creative and help you settle into school when we get back. This task is for the students to do in week 1 and 2 of term 2.

Please join the Facebook group, [Drama with Mrs McGhee](#). It is a closed group and only parents from our school are able to join. There are a few simple security questions to filter people.

My aim is to create a positive, interactive group to encourage the students during this unusual time. I believe it is important to stay in touch with the students and this appears to be the most accessible way. There will be extra information posted there but all students regardless of internet access will have tasks sent to them.

Best wishes to you all,

Mrs McGhee

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Facebook [Drama with Mrs McGhee](#) (closed group)

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So far this year, the students have been exploring Drama through stories that they may already know, (Fairytale). The aim of this activity is for the students to be creative, have fun, explore language and different character voices.

1. Colour the pictures provided from Jack and the Beanstalk, remember that this is meant to be fun and if your little one is not up for it then don't push them too hard.
2. Cut around the puppets. This is a great fine motor activity which is harder for some kids.
3. Glue the puppets onto the sticks provided.
4. While you are waiting for the puppets to dry, read Jack and the Beanstalk. Model using different voices for the different characters.
5. Ask your child to act out the story using the puppets. They may change it around, that's ok.
6. Kids do generally love an audience. Some of my favourite childhood memories are performing ABBA songs for my Nana when I was in primary school. Try to take a moment and enjoy any performance that your kids come up with over this unusual time. Remember, physical and mental health are the most important things at this time.

And to the kids

Take care, be active, be good, see you soon. ☺

Mrs McGhee

Jack and the beanstalk

Once upon a time there was a boy called Jack. He lived with his mother. They were very poor. All they had was a cow.

One morning, Jack's mother told Jack to take their cow to market and sell her. On the way, Jack met a man. He gave Jack some magic beans for the cow.

Jack took the beans and went back home. When Jack's mother saw the beans she was very angry. She threw the beans out of the window.

The next morning, Jack looked out of the window. There was a giant beanstalk. He went outside and started to climb the beanstalk.

He climbed up to the sky through the clouds. Jack saw a beautiful castle. He went inside. Jack heard a voice. 'Fee, fi, fo, fum!' Jack ran into a cupboard.

An enormous giant came into the room and sat down. On the table there was a hen and a golden harp.

'Lay!' said the giant. The hen laid an egg. It was made of gold. 'Sing!' said the giant. The harp began to sing. Soon the giant was asleep.

Jack jumped out of the cupboard. He took the hen and the harp. Suddenly, the harp sang, 'Help, master!'

The giant woke up and shouted, 'Fee, fi, fo, fum!' Jack ran and started climbing down the beanstalk. The giant came down after him.

Jack shouted, 'Mother! Help!' Jack's mother took an axe and chopped down the beanstalk. The giant fell and crashed to the ground. Nobody ever saw him again.

With the golden eggs and the magic harp, Jack and his mother lived happily ever after.

Listen to this story <https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/en/short-stories/jack-and-the-beanstalk>