

Bean project work

Here are some ideas based around beans which you may like to integrate in class project work. Many are linked to the activity worksheets.

1. Bean collections

Activity: Do you know your beans?

How many different kinds of beans can your children find and collect? Can they identify them all? To make the beans more memorable, your children could associate actions with the names of the beans. For example, can they run like a runner bean? Be as broad as a broad bean?! Look as hot as a baked bean? Curve their bodies like the shape of a kidney bean?

2. Beans: likes and dislikes

Activity: Bean likes and dislikes survey. Do your children like beans? Ask them to carry out the class survey and create a bar chart with the most popular dishes.

3. Bean dishes

Activities: Beans on toast or Bean and corn salad. Can they make these dishes at home or school? Can they find or create some more bean recipes? Here's another salad example. What ingredients would they put in their own bean salad?

Three bean salad

1 tin cut green beans, drained	$\frac{1}{2}$ cup cider vinegar
1 tin butter beans	$\frac{1}{2}$ cup vegetable oil
1 tin baked beans	$\frac{1}{2}$ cup granulated sugar
$\frac{1}{4}$ cup chopped green pepper	1 teaspoon salt
1 cup sliced onion	1 teaspoon pepper

Open the tins and empty the beans into a bowl.
Mix the beans, green pepper and sliced onion.
Whisk together the other remaining.
Pour over the beans.
Mix the three bean salad well and chill for 4 hours.



4. Count the beans!

Activities: Count the beans 1-10, 11-20 and flashcards.

Take 5 or 6 empty glass jars and fill with beans. Ask your children to guess how many beans there are in each jar. Now give each group of children a jar of beans and ask them to count the beans! The children with the closest guesses win!

5. Bean percussion instruments

Take some empty cardboard boxes, biscuit packets, yoghurt pots or small plastic bottles and fill with different quantities of beans. Sellotape the tops so the beans don't jump out! Use your percussion instruments during the chants or to make sound effects during the play!

6. Bean bags

Take a small piece of old cloth and sew up three of the sides. Turn inside out so that the seams are on the inside. Fill with beans. Sew up the last side. How many times can you throw and catch the beanbag?

7. Growing beans

Activities: Grow your own beans. Follow the activity sheet to grow some class beans. What do the seeds need to help them grow? How big do they grow each week?

8. Bean collage

Use the beans to create a bean collage. Paint the beans with clear varnish to make them bright!

