

Early Years Foundation Stage

Summer 1

Growing- What do they need to grow?

Welcome back to school, we hope you have had a fantastic half term break

In the Moment Planning

As always we are looking forward to facilitating the children's independent learning as they explore and learn through their play.

Last half term our independent learning included finding out about under water creatures. The children created non-fiction books to describe what they had learnt about them.

They also found creative ways to make number sentences, such as building the numbers and symbols with Lego bricks, and adding the number of Bigfoots foot prints, as they created and discovered them outdoors.

Personal Social and Emotional development and Communication and Language:

This half term the reception children will be developing their ability to work as part of a group or class, and understand that their behaviour and what they say affects the thoughts and feelings of others in the group.

With the introduction of a children's Wow Wall, (that they can peg their own work on to), both Nursery and Reception children will be encouraged to share their likes and dislikes and describe what they have done well at.

Physical development:

The Nursery children have been working hard to develop their fine motor skills, doing activities such as threading, painting with water outdoors, chalking and using children's tweezers to move objects and make patterns. This will continue this term, preparing the muscles in their fingers ready to start writing next year.

Understanding the World

The World

We will all be developing our understanding of the world around us. Growing our own vegetables and plants. As they grow we will make observations of them and understand how and why changes occur,

Technology

We will be looking at different ways we can record what happens to our plants as they grow. Introducing different programs on the computer and Applications on the tablets to support

children recognise that a range of technology is used in places such as homes and schools. And allow them to select and use technology for a particular purposes.

Mathematics:

The children will be comparing the height and length of plants as they grow. The Reception children will also be developing their knowledge and ability to solve problems, including doubling and halving and recording their findings.

Literacy:

Our daily phonics sessions will continue with both reception and nursery.

We will be reading lots of non-fiction books and also some lovely stories all about growing and the natural environment; Jack and the Beanstalk, Ten Little Seeds, Oliver's Vegetables, Percy the Park Keeper and The Enormous Turnip etc.

Visitor-A gardener will come and visit us to support us with our understanding of plants and vegetables, and what we need to do to help them grow.

RE-Pentecost - Good News

Reminders: Please remember to put your child's name in all of their clothes, shoes, and coats, including their PE kit. We have many cardigans and jumpers that have been misplaced or are in our lost property box.

PE will continue to take place on a Wednesday this half term. The Reception children have all been allocated a 'House Team' and asked to provide a PE kit with a t-shirt matching their house colour. Although nursery children are in 'House Teams' they do not require a PE kit until they start in reception. Some children have grown out of their PE shoes, this might be worth checking next time their kit comes home.

Wow Moments: Thank you to those parents who have already shared these with us. It is always lovely to hear about any special news or events that have happened at home, these all contribute to your child's overall Learning Journey. Please take a wow moment and fill it in at home, your child will then be encouraged to share their achievements with the class at school. **PLEASE REMEMBER TO INCLUDE YOUR CHILDS NAME ON THEIR WOW MOMENT.**