

Reception Newsletter - Week beginning: 12.06.23

Term 6 topic - Water, water everywhere!

Our story of the week - The traditional tale, 'Jack and The Beanstalk.'



We have loved being outside this week in the sunny weather, drinking lots of water to keep us hydrated and wearing suncream to protect our skin.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development- We have been working together, sharing resources and taking turns. Playing with our friends at school has made us happy this week. We continue to use our kind hands and use kind words. We know it is important to be helpful in class, work as a team at tidy up time and try to remember to say please and thank you.

Communication and Language- We are using our communication skills all the time and love to chat to our friends and our grownups about what we have learnt. We have had discussions about how to plant seeds, what seeds need to grow and what happens during the growing process! We have also learnt lots of new words and understand what they mean e.g. nutrients, roots, petal and stem.

Physical Development- We have started to practise for our sports day and Reception are opening sports day with a cheerleading routine that we can't wait to show you! We have also been practising jumping for distance and throwing beanbags into hoops for accuracy. We know how to be in a team and work as part of a team. Our fine motor skills are developing, and we have created a variety of things with playdough, used pipettes in the sand, used scissors and even designed our own garden using natural materials. Our handwriting and cutting skills are improving and using various building and constructing toys is helping our fingers to become stronger.

Literacy- We listened carefully to Jack and the Beanstalk and remembered what we know about traditional tales. We enjoyed the challenge of ordering the events in the story and wrote a wanted poster to describe either Jack or the giant. The children came up with some fantastic adjectives! We are also continuing to look at a variety of non-fiction books. We are doing lots of reading in our phonics groups and reading lessons and we will continue to listen to the children read individually so please make sure books are in school every day.

Mathematics- We have continued to practise counting in 1s, 2s and 10s; recognising our numbers to 20 and beyond; doubling and halving; forming our numbers correctly; counting up to 10 and back down again; saying what is one more and one less than a given number. We are thinking about odd and even numbers and all the different ways to make ten. We have also been working on our measuring skills,

using unifix cubes to measure how tall the beanstalks are and ordering and matching bees to sunflowers by size.

Understanding the World- Wow! We have had an exciting week. We have learnt a lot about planting and growing this week and are very excited to see what is going to happen to our cress seeds. We have been observing them closely and will be drawing how they change each week. Some of our seeds have already started showing a shoot. We know what a seed needs to grow, so we know how to look after our seeds. We continue to notice and comment on how the environment is changing and everything is growing.

Expressive Arts and Design- This week we have drawn cress with pencils, collaged a beanstalk with pastels, cotton wool and leaves and acted out the story with our friends. We still enjoy our role-play areas, which are helping to develop our imagination and communication skills.

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Please look at our class page on the website. It's filled with information, photos and learning opportunities.

Supporting learning at home

- Talk you your family about things that are growing ...
- Can you name the parts of a plant?
- Have a go at using the same sized objects, e.g. blocks or spoons to measure how long, short or tall your teddies are. Draw around your own foot, cut it out and use it to measure objects around the house, e.g. the table is ... feet long.

Reading Tip - think about what you might want to know about the story before you open the book ...

the author, the illustrator, the title, the blurb, the characters, setting ?

Where can you find this information?

Notes for next week 19.06.23

- Next week are our stay and play afternoon sessions. There is still time to sign up! Please come to the office for 1pm.
- Please remember sunscreen, water bottle and sunhats when it is hot.

Have a wonderful weekend!