

Spring 1 - Pre-School Highlights

What a busy half term we have had in Pre-School. Our topic this half term has been Growing.

Communication and Language

We have continued to work on our listening and attention skills this half term, playing circle games and memory games. We have also worked on extending our vocabulary through stories and through our topic words.

Our visits to the library have continued and we have been visiting twice a week, where we listen to a range of stories.

PSED

We have been learning about following rules and why rules are in place. We have tried to come up with ways that we can solve conflicts, e.g. getting a timer to help us share the bikes, working as a team to complete an activity.

Physical Development

We have continued to use the equipment on the KSI playground. We have also been trying to link dance sequences using simple nursery rhymes as a basis for our dances. We have looked at people performing rock and roll dances and tried incorporating some of those moves in our dance.

Literacy

We have been reading the story of Oliver's Vegetables as a main story, supported by Jack and the Beanstalk and Jasper's Beanstalk. We have sequenced the stories, thinking about the beginning, middle and end of the stories. We have also retold the stories using puppets and pictures.

We have continued our library sessions and we are now good at selecting a book, giving it to Mrs Hailwood to read, and then returning it to the correct place on the shelf, with the spine pointing towards the room. We have worked on our understanding of the different parts of books and this has helped us in the library.

Maths

We have enjoyed learning lots of number rhymes and using these to support our learning of numbers to 5. We have worked hard on beginning to recognise numerals to 5 and matching the correct amounts to the correct numeral. We have also worked on understanding more and less and comparing different quantities. We are beginning to learn names for 3D shapes and have worked on sphere and cube.

Understanding the World

This half term we have been focusing on the growing and what plants need to grow. We carried out an investigation to see whether plants need water and light. We found that plants can grow without light, but they are unhealthy. The healthiest plants were those grown with water and light. We used this knowledge to plant our own seeds both sunflower and bean to watch how they grow. We know, from reading Jasper's Beanstalk, we will need to wait a long, long time.

We have also looked at how carrots and pears change when they are left out in the air. We have watched and commented on how the fruit and veg have changed over time. We definitely don't want to eat them now!

We also celebrated Chinese New Year and found out about how people celebrate the Lunar New Year. We found Great Britain and China on a World map and talked about how we could get from England to China. We had lots of good ideas.

We learnt lots of new vocabulary about each of the topics.

EAD

As part of Chinese New Year we looked at the Great Wall of China and we tried making our own versions using our blocks in Nursery.

Continuing our work on growing we made vegetable soup using some of the vegetables Oliver finds in the story Oliver's Vegetables. We worked with Mrs Hailwood to carefully hold a knife and cut up the vegetables. We were all very good and had a try of the soup, it was delicious.

To follow up our work on planting sunflowers we looked at the artist Vincent Van Gogh and his painting of Sunflowers. We discussed how Vincent liked to use oil paints and how these are very thick. We then drew our own sunflowers and made our own thick paint to paint our sunflowers. I think the finished result looks very similar to the original.



We finished the half term with a lovely Valentine Stay and Play, and raised £39.73 for our Edukid charity partner school.



Well done Pre-School on working so hard this half term.