

Spring 2 - Pre-School

We been very busy, as always, this half term. Our topic this half term has been Growth, and we have used the stories of 'Oliver's Vegetables', 'Supertato' and 'Jack and the Beanstalk' as our stimuli.

Communication and Language

To develop our communication and language we have been learning lots of different nursery rhymes, this half term we have focused on 'Humpty Dumpty', 'This Little Piggy' and 'Miss Polly had a Dolly'. We also revisited the rhymes we learnt in the previous terms. Some children have been working on our language program WellComm to develop their language understanding.

Every morning we have the opportunity to speak in front of the class and extend what we have to say.

We have continued our visits to the library as well.



PSED

We have thought about keeping safe this half term. We have talked about the different people in our lives that keep us safe in the home, at school and in the community. We have talked about medicines and sweets and the difference between them, and who is allowed to give us medicine. We also did a risk assessment survey around the school looking for any potential places that might need a safety sign. We made our own signs in the craft area.

Physical Development

We have continued using the equipment on the KSI playground to build our skills in climbing, and also in risk assessment. We have started P.E. sessions one afternoon a week and have learnt how to throw and catch a ball in different ways.

We are encouraged to regularly write our name and our letter formation is getting really good. We have used scissors to make, and also manipulated tools in our garden centre.



Literacy

We have been reading 'Oliver's Vegetables' as our main text. We have talked about characters and settings, and drawn these. We have also ordered the story and drawn our favourite vegetables. Alongside 'Oliver's Vegetables' we have also read 'Supertato' and the children enjoyed discussing the 'evil pea'. We drew our favourite part of the story and talked about why this was.

Our traditional tale has been 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. The children have planted beans, coloured pictures of the story characters, ordered the story and drawn their favourite character.

This half term we have also started to be introduced to some sounds through our phonic scheme. The children are doing well in recognising these letters. We are working on developing our oral blending.

We have continued our visits to the library as well.



Maths

We have enjoyed learning lots of number rhymes and using these to support our learning of numbers to 5. We have been using our number skills to accurately count and are beginning to subitise numbers to 5. We have learnt about some 2D and 3D shapes, and have been measuring using non-standard measurement.



Understanding the World

This half term we have been focusing on growth and what is needed in order for things to grow. We have had a garden shop to buy vegetables; and a digging area in the classroom to plant and look after our seeds. We have looked at the lifecycles of different plants and have observed the decay of vegetables over time.

We have also learnt about festival of Easter and helped celebrate Mother's Day.



EAD

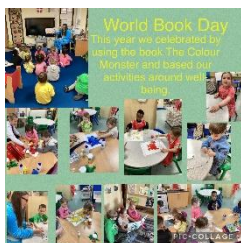
We have looked at the artist Vincent Van Gogh, and his artwork Sunflowers. We have used that as an inspiration to draw and paint our own sunflowers. We learnt that he used oil paint, which is a thick paint. We investigated different ways of making thick paint, and chose the one we wanted to paint our picture with.

We have also learnt how to peel vegetables, and we then made them into soup. We all had a taste even if we were a little unsure to begin with.



Other News

As well as all our learning we have also enjoyed World Book Day, an Easter Stay and Play and a trip to our forest school area to plant trees.



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