

Welcome *Nursery* Parent and Carers

Term 5 Weeks 1&2

Topic: Minibeasts, Growing plants

This last fortnight the children have settled back really well into the school routine. We have been so proud of them! We started the term learning about minibeasts. We have looked at their features, where they live and went on a minibeast hunt to find them in our garden area. The children were gentle and made sure to give the containers air holes and return the minibeasts at the end of the day. The postman has brought us some caterpillars who we are observing in the class and watching as they grow bigger and bigger, hopefully they will spin some cocoons and turn into butterflies for us. Additionally, we have learnt about plants and have been digging and planting seeds this week. We have placed them on our classroom windowsills so that we can watch as they grow some roots, stems and leaves. The children have asked lots of questions and been exploring the materials in our room.



In Maths....

We have been focussing on measuring and shapes this term. The children have been comparing short and long items and measuring them using cubes, We have explored shapes and making pictures and models by combining shapes and blocks. We have also looked at weighing items and seeing what happens when we use scales. We compared which were heavy and light.



In our Literacy & mark-making...

Our new story is 'The Enormous Turnip' and the children have retold the story using masks. They have picked up the repetitive language really quickly! To encourage our children to write and draw we have been taking the opportunities for this to the areas they love to play – the children have drawn the animals they were creating towers for. Similarly we have focussed more on letter shapes as we think about writing words and names ready for heading up to Reception.



Our children have loved our topic of 'Growing' so far! They have drawn pictures of flowers, dug in the soil, planted seeds and watered them, and looked at minibeasts closely. They have asked lots of questions and commented on the features they can see that are similar or different. They have made links to their own experiences of seeing minibeasts or growing plants at home.



Home challenge of the week:

Can you find any minibeasts in your gardens? On your walks around the local area? What do they look like? Do they have legs or wings or patterns?

We are thinking about how we can be school ready and get ready for being fantastic writers – encourage your child to draw and write whenever they can – this could be a shopping list? A letter to a grandparent? A picture of what they can see in the garden? Etc.

