

Reception Class Learning Blog – Summer Term – Week 3

Friday 5th May 2023

This week, we finally saw the sun put his hat on (hip, hip, hip, hooray!) The warmer climate has seen us working outside much more and leaving the classroom eerily quiet. It has been so lovely to see the children who prefer to work indoors venturing outside and opening up their learning experience to what this area has to offer.

We can say with pride that all our children have learnt every phoneme for Reception year. We are so very proud of how hard the children have worked during phonics so far this year and thank you all for your support with this. We will send out a copy of the grapheme sheet this week. Please do keep practising these daily before reading.

During Talk4Writing this week, we have been learning about *Jack and the Beanstalk*, in preparation for our gardening tasks. We identified the characters and revisited our knowledge on settings, discovering that the story took place in a cottage, on the road to market and in the evil Giant's castle at the top of the beanstalk, high up in the clouds. We created our own story maps and used these, alongside the stick puppets to present a retelling. We learnt that this story is part of the fairy tale genre and like the traditional tales we had learnt before, can be different with each retelling because these stories were spoken rather than written. We began each retelling with 'Once upon a time...' and ended with '...and they lived happily ever after.'

As we get closer to the Summer season, we have been thinking about planting broad beans. This week, we learnt that every living thing has a life cycle and that during this, changes happen. We looked at the life cycle of a bean and noticed that the changes together produced a circle, because it continues with each new planting season. We identified six stages to the bean life cycle – root, shoot, seedling, flowering, bean plant and bean pod. We are now in the process of ordering and writing about the life cycle using scientific language. Once this has been completed, we will plant our very own beans and observe them as they grow. It takes a bean plant twenty-five days to grow.

As the Coronation of King Charles III fast approaches, we have been learning about the regalia that will be used during the ceremony. This truly has been a historic year for our children in Reception. We have also produced a display of work centred around the Coronation. We learnt that St Edward's Crown will be placed on the King's head during the ceremony and that it weighs just over 2kg. We all agreed that this was very heavy after holding weights to this value in our hands. We also watched a film clip of the late HM Queen Elizabeth II making her promise (taking the oath) during her Coronation ceremony. Please do come to the hall during our picnic celebrations to have a look at our wonderful learning.

Our Summer Term Show & Tell Group Rota is as follows:

Date	Group
Mo 15-05-2023	Honey Bees
Mo 22-05-2023	Orchids
Mo 12-06-2023	Red Kites
Mo 19-06-2023	Woodpeckers
Mo 26-06-2023	Butterflies

Mo 03-07-2023	Honey Bees
Mo 10-07-2023	Orchids
Mo 17-07-2023	Red Kites
Tu 18-07-2023	Woodpeckers

We look forward to hearing about the interesting items brought in by Honey Bees on Monday afternoon during Show and Tell. These will be housed in the Show & Tell box to keep them safe throughout the day.

Congratulations to our Star of the Week certificate recipients:

- ❖ Sebastian, for asking his friend if she needed help after falling over.
- ❖ Nico, for looking after another child's belongings to make sure that they were safe.

Our Writer of the Week certificate goes to:

- ❖ Marley, for using his phonics to spell scientific words related to plants.

Have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend and enjoy the Coronation celebrations!

With every best wish,
Mrs Dowling & Miss Ingleby