

GROWING

Week 5, 13th - 17th May

This week In Oak class:

Maths

This week we are continuing to look at selecting shapes for a particular purpose and we will be exploring the properties of shapes; moving, turning, rotating and flipping shapes. Children will select shapes for a particular purpose and we will encourage them to explain why they chose a particular shape and why other shapes would not be suitable.

We will be looking at patterns, and arrangements of shapes to make pictures and prompting them to use positional language to describe where the shapes are in relation to one another



Expressive Arts and Design

Role play- The children have enjoyed using the puppet theatre this week so we postponed the garden centre and will open our Oak class garden centre outside this week instead of last week. The children will have opportunities to work with plant pots and create their own plants to sell in the garden centre.

The children are really enjoying mixing the paints together to see what colours they can make so we will continue this into next week.



Communication and Language and

Personal, Social and Emotional development

Our Growth Mindset character this week is the Creative spider. We will be continuing to talk about the parts of plants and seeing if we can label them ourselves using the key vocabulary of roots, stem, flower and roots. Can we explain what job each of these do on a plant? We will use this vocabulary to keep an eye on our bean plants to see if anything has happened to them over the weekend.

We are using the Loxwood Learner code and looking at how we can look after each other and our classroom. How many of our Loxwood learner codes can we remember?

Understanding of the world

This term we are learning about 'Growing.' We will be labelling parts of a plant this week and naming common flowers that we might come across in our gardens or when we are out and about. We will be keeping an eye on our own bean plants and noticing any changes that have happened.

Healthy eating- we will continue to think about how to keep healthy and tie this in with sun safe as the sun has finally made an appearance. We will be talking about sunscreen and sunhats and encouraging the children to wear a sunhat at school.

We are continuing to look at Islam and what is important to Muslim people- their special book and special building and clothing.



Literacy and Phonics

We are now either reviewing the single letter sounds or working on the Set 2 sounds which are the two letter (diagraphs) for the vowel sounds, e.g. oo, ay, ee.

We are all reading simple cvc words by 'Fred talking the sounds' and then 'saying the words' and longer words too. The children are taking home reading books matched to where they are on their individual phonic journey words are bringing home their reading books to practise this skill with you. Please do write in their yellow reading records to let us know how they are doing with their reading at home.

You can watch the videos for the letter sounds on our school's virtual classroom on our website:

https://www.loxwoodschool.com/web/phonics_and_early_reading/635274

We are taking part in a daily writing task to learn how to use our phonics to spell words or learning how to write a sentence. This week our inspiration will be drawing our own weird and wonderful plants and writing about them.

Physical Development

Our PE day is on WEDNESDAY because we have our weekly slot with Mr Green. Please encourage your child to change their clothes independently at home for practise.

We are encouraging those children who are ready, to hold a pencil and forming the letter sounds that we have been learning.

Funky fingers- those children who are not reading to hold a pencil are taking part in funky fingers activities which are activities designed to strengthen the fine motor control in their fingers to get them ready to hold a pencil.

