

'Growing'-Oak Class-Summer term 1

Week beginning 21st April

Maths

This week we will engage with activities that draw attention to the purpose of counting – to find out 'how many' objects there are. The children will also revisit the concept of cardinality – the idea that the last number in the count tells us how many things there are altogether. A key area of focus this week will be to develop confidence in counting strategies, including counting on from different starting numbers. The children will also consider strategies for counting larger numbers of objects, including those that cannot be moved.

We will also re-visit our knowledge of 2d shapes and continue to talk about their properties when sorting and matching them.



Understanding of the world

We are going to be planting our very own bean plants this half term and will be watching them grow- noticing any changes that we see.

As part of our RE learning about different religions, this half term we will be learning about churches and the different parts of a church and what they are for.



Communication and Language

This half term we are focusing on developing the skills of listening attentively and respond to what they hear with relevant questions, comments and actions. Making comments about what they have heard and ask questions to clarify their understanding.

And holding conversation when engaged in back-and-forth exchanges.

These skills will be encouraged and practised through small group work, during free flow activities and also larger and whole class discussions.

Personal, Social and Emotional development

As part of our topic 'Healthy Me' this half term, we will be looking at healthy and unhealthy foods and the different food groups to find out why we need to eat a balanced diet and what to look out for on our plates. The children will sort foods into healthy and unhealthy and begin to talk about why they are healthy or not.

We will also look at some of our body parts – eyes, ears, nose, mouth, hands, feet, ankles, elbows and so on and what they are for. Children will begin to label these parts of the body.

Phonics

Children are now working on the two letter sounds (diagraphs) and using these when sounding out and reading words. Within their specific phonics group they will be learning their next set of sounds and reading the coloured book that supports this. 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

Literacy

This term, we will be using key texts in more depth. The first text for the first two weeks of the term will be "The Very Hungry Caterpillar"

This week the children will practise sequencing the story orally and physically with sequencing cards and explore the vocabulary and language within the story.



Expressive Arts and Design

Our artist this term is a sculptor called Michelle Reader- we will be looking at her sculptures and working on our own sculptures of mini beasts this half term. We will be using junk modelling resources and later on some clay to create our own mini beast scenes in the classroom.

Role play- We will be opening the 'Oak class garden centre.' The children will be encouraged to use vocabulary and language that is used at a garden centre.

Physical Development

Our PE days are WEDNESDAY with Mr Green and every other THURSDAY for gymnastics- Your children are working hard to change into their PE kits. Please encourage your child to change their clothes independently at home for practise.

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