

'Growing'-Oak Class-Summer term 1

Week beginning 5th May

Maths

This week we will continue to develop our subitising skills (seeing the quantity without counting) in increasingly complex arrangements.

A key focus this week is to use our developing understanding of doubles to support our subitising skills. By moving away from counting for sets that can be subitised, the children will develop their abstract understanding of number, which will help to support future calculation strategies.

Understanding of the world

We have now planted our very own bean plants and will begin to notice if we see any changes

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 we hear with relevant questions, comments and actions. Making comments about what we have heard and ask questions to clarify our 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, this week we will be looking at worry and what a worry is. We will use the book Ruby's worry to support this learning and will help Ruby out with her own worry later on in the week.

We will also be thinking about why getting enough sleep is important and what happens if we don't get enough sleep.

Phonics

Children are now working on the two letter sounds (diagrams) 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 second text for this half term will be "Superworm".

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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