

GROWING

Week 4, - 6th May

This week In Oak class:

Maths

This week we are extending our knowledge of selecting shapes for a particular purpose and we will be exploring the properties of shapes and spatial relations.

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 then move on to explore how shapes will appear when rotated. We will be seeing if we can recognise the same shape if it is rotated round and this will help us to visualise how shapes and objects will fit together in different ways.



Expressive Arts and Design

Role play- We are using our theme of growing plants and this week will open our Oak class garden centre outside. The children will have opportunities to work with plant pots and create their own plants to sell in the garden centre.

We will also begin to investigate different shades of a colour and how we make a colour a lighter or darker shade. We will experiment using Blue this week.



Communication and Language and

Personal, Social and Emotional development

Our Growth Mindset character this week is the Collaborative bees. 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?

This week we will make our own fruit kebabs and the children will talk about the fruits that they like/don't like and explain why.

Understanding of the world

This term we are learning about 'Growing.' We will be looking at the parts of plants this week to see if we can name them and then will even be planting our own bean plants and watching them grow over the next few weeks. We will be keeping an eye on our own bean plants and noticing any changes that have happened.

Healthy eating- we are going to talk about healthy eating this week and the children will have a chance to make their own fruit kebabs and try different fruits. This is linked to EYFS Physical Development as we think about how to keep healthy.

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.

