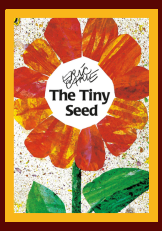
EYFS CURRICULUM NEWS
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'AMAZING ANIMALS'



Children in the Early Years Foundation Stage are very excited about our new topic 'Amazing Animals!'. This topic covers everything from minibeasts, wild animals, pets and farm animals and includes the food that they eat. In connection to this we will be sowing seeds and planting potatoes. We will not forget our insect friends and will also be designing a wildflower area for the bees and butterflies.

Enrichment - We have lots of exciting things planned this term, including many gardening opportunities. We have seeds to sew and propagate. These include early fruiting tomatoes, broad beans, peas in the pod and sunflowers. We will also plant a trough of seed potatoes and harvest these in June. Potentially we might be able to make our own brand of crisps from the harvest!

We will also be looking at ways to become more environmentally friendly by looking at fun ways to recycle and making new objects from old. We will become "Up cyclers!" We will also be hunting for signs, natural objects and perhaps even eggs, in our outside area. Hopefully there will be clues to help us along the way.

Literacy, Communication & Language - We will use a variety of books and texts to support our writing. We start with 'The Tiny Seeds' by Eric Carle and learn about seed dispersal and use this book to label the parts of a flower.

'Jack and the Beanstalk' is our main text for this term. We love sharing the number of 'spin-off' stories that are available including; 'Jack and the Incredibly Mean Stalk', 'Jack and the Jelly Bean Stalk', 'Trust Me Jack's Beanstalk Stinks', 'Jack and the Baked Bean Stalk', and 'Jim and the Beanstalk'. We use these to inspire the children to use their own imagination and design what they would like to find at the top of the beanstalk. We are aiming to move towards the children using simple sentences to write about their own ideas.

Phonics - In phonics, the Reception children will continue to focus on blending sounds together for reading. We will also be practising the skill of segmenting sound to write 3 and 4 letter words. In writing, we are teaching children to start to put words together to write simple sentences and captions to complement their pictures. We will also be focussing more on those words that cannot be decoded – the red "tricky words".

Maths - In maths, children will continue to follow the White Rose Maths Mastery approach to deepening their knowledge of the composition of number to 10. We will also be looking at some length, height and time measurements and explore 3D shapes per overview above. Hopefully we can use these ideas in context with our growing of plants and vegetables.

Understanding the World - We will read 'Fran's Flower' by Lisa Bruce which is a fun story about a girl impatient for her flower to grow so she feeds it food from the fridge to entice its growth. We will carry out our own experiment to see if grass seed will grow if we feed different foods. We will become nature detectives and get outside looking for signs of new growth as spring is in the air.

Physical Development - In PE we are learning gymnastics. We will learn to hold static balances, on our own and with a partner. We will also learn how to use our bodies to create shapes and how to move between shapes linking our ideas together to form a sequence.

RE - We will learn about the origins of Mother's Day and explore Mothering Sunday celebrations in the UK over time. We will make and create Mother's Day cards to share with you at home. We will also explore the Easter story and get ready for our church service. We have a song to learn and share with your all, as well as learning about the significance of church at Easter. We will study the Easter story from the bible and find out why lent is important to Christians.

World Book Day - This falls this term and we will celebrate the event with a dress up day on Thursday 6th March. We will enjoy a week of fun activities centred around developing a love of reading and enjoyment of books. We will also spend time creating our own books to share with our friends in class!