

Dear Parents/Carers Friday 6th May 2022

This week we have enjoyed a selection of fiction and non-fiction books about planting seeds/ beans. When reading Jaspers Beanstalk and Jack and the Beanstalk, children were asked about the plot of the story and the main problem. We discussed how Jasper's beanstalk needed longer to grow and he should have waited before digging it up. When reading Jack and the Beanstalk we spoke about what happened at the beginning, middle and end of the story. Children spotted that although both stories are about Beanstalks, they are very different.

One of the non-fiction books we read was 'From Seed to Sunflower'. This non-fiction book provided information about the life cycle of a sunflower and introduced lots of new vocabulary—stem, roots, leaf, petal. Each child then planted their own sunflower seed and discussed how they will look after it in school and when they take it home at the end of half term.

Children used their observation skills to paint sunflower pictures, using different thickness of brushes to paint the different parts of the sunflower.

During P.E. children have been developing ball skills, bouncing the ball, aiming and throwing. These skills continued to be applied in the outdoor provision. Next week different size and material of balls will be introduced.

If your child is given a home reading book on a Wednesday please read and return it by Friday of the same week. It will then be changed for a new reading book on Friday to read over the weekend.

Diary Dates

Friday 27th May — Children break up for half term, school closes at normal time. **Monday 13th June**—School reopens.

Enjoy the weekend Reception Team