

## Nursery Newsletter

11/05/2022



Dear Parents

A big focus this week was planting seeds which included herbs (chives, parsley and basil) and flowers. Learning will be based around showing and explaining the concepts of growth, change and decay over time. Books are used to support the children's knowledge and enable them to realise that print can have different purposes, i.e. gives us information. We followed the instructions carefully and know what we have to do to look after them in the coming weeks for them to grow.

The first groups of children visited Asda with their shopping list to buy snack. We based it around buying the fruit from "Handa's Surprise" by Eileen Browne. This story can be found on the following link [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XyIV\\_xYi0as](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XyIV_xYi0as) This is a lovely book to share with the children as it has so many teaching points as well as being a good story. Vocabulary includes types of fruit some of which the children are not familiar with like guava and passion fruit. Animals included an antelope and an ostrich which again some children did not recognise. We also compared Handa's journey to visit her friend, Akeyo to our journey when we visit our friends. The story is set in a village in south-west Kenya, we noticed where Handa lives, there were no busy roads or lots of houses and shops as we have in Old Swan. **Knowing that there are different countries in the world and talking about the differences** is part of our curriculum. Last week whilst finding out how Eid is celebrated, we listened and danced to music which would be played during this special celebration. This week we compared the music from last week to typical African dance music that Handa may listen to. **Responding to what they have heard, expressing their thoughts and feelings** based around music and songs from different cultures is also a part of the EYFS curriculum.

Read Write Inc letters and pictures this week were b boot, f flower, e egg, l leg, h horse and sh.

In response to recent queries concerning Sports Day which takes place at the end of May more information will be given to parents next week by Miss Quinn (the school PE Lead). For Nursery it will take place within the school playground both for the morning and afternoon session. Parents will not be invited due to issues around space available. Sports kits, shorts, leggings or jogging bottoms, t shirts or sweatshirts can be worn on the day with trainers (no laces). It is a very non-competitive day and is based around the children trying sports activities that they may not have tried before.

Some parents have been asking when they will find out which class their child will be going into as they move to Reception in September. In the last half-term more information will be given around this but please note your child will have the opportunity to spend time (before we finish for the summer holiday) in the Reception class they will be moving to and you and your child will be given the opportunity to meet the Reception class teacher. A Reception Pack will be given with all the details and information you will need.

If you do have any further questions around any of the above please do not hesitate to ask or send me an email.

Mrs Riley