



Roots, Shoots and Muddy Boots

Dear Parents,

Welcome back, we hope you had a lovely Easter. This term's theme is '**Roots, Shoots and Muddy Boots**'. Below is a summary of the focus skills for each area of learning and we are looking forward to our visit to Boydell's Farm later this term.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Children will have opportunities to develop their social skills through play and continue to build positive relationships with others in school.

Communication and Language

Children will listen and respond to stories based around growing, build up vocabulary that reflects the breadth of their experiences, engage in role-play and respond to simple instructions.

Physical Development

Children will engage in different forms of physical activities and continue building their confidence to move freely in a range of ways, such as; shuffling, rolling, crawling, walking, running, skipping, sliding, hopping and negotiating spaces successfully. We will also be looking forward to our Sports Day!

Literacy

This term we will continue to develop our phonic knowledge using the sounds we have learnt. We will be using our phonic skills to write simple sentences independently using punctuation and the correct letter formation using 'Letterjoin'. We will be reading different stories related to growing.

Mathematics

Children will be reciting numbers to 20 and beyond, depending on their individual ability, count objects correctly and recognise numbers to 10. Children will take part in different activities where they will extend their ability to add and subtract numbers to 10. Using practical resources children will be learning to share and group an amount to 10.

Understanding of the World

Children will grow a bean plant and observe changes over time. They will also have the opportunity to comment and ask questions about aspects of their familiar world such as the place where they live or the natural world. In ICT, they will know that information can be retrieved from computers and learn to work with simple programs on the computer. In Spanish, we will be learning to say some jungle animal names.

Expressive Arts and Design

Children will enjoy joining in with dancing and games, sing songs and explore the different sounds of musical instruments. We will be exploring famous artists who have created paintings using flowers and vegetables.

Thank you for all the support with your child's learning so far. Please continue to read daily with your child and talk about the story they have read to support their comprehension skills.

Please keep your child's PE kit in school every day as we will be doing an additional weekly outdoor PE lesson as well as practising for Sports day.

Also, a polite reminder that no jewellery is allowed in Early Years.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask your class teacher.

Thank you, The Reception Team