

Foundation Stage Summer Term 2017

Foundation One

This term the children have been exploring lifecycles. We have been able to watch tadpoles develop into froglets and caterpillars develop into butterflies, which the children have been fascinated by. When we found out about 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' the children created fruit kebabs and talked about the names of the fruit that they used. When the caterpillars had emerged from their cocoons they were released and the children sang a special song to bid them farewell. The froglets were safely returned to Mrs Perkins' pond and have continued to grow. The children receive reports from Mrs Perkins about their development and are eager to hear from her.



The children went on a bug hunt after reading 'Aaaargh-Spider!' They looked for spiders similar to the character in the story and used magnifying glasses to look for a variety of creatures. The children were amazed by the size of the creatures when they looked through a magnifying glass. The children have noticed changes in plants too over the term. They planted beans and watched the beanstalks appear. The sunflower seeds we planted have started to grow and we will be able to compare the size of the plants.



We then began to think about how to keep safe crossing the road and the children took part in a 'Beep Beep' road safety week. We used our outdoor area with the pelican crossing to learn about crossing the road safely. The children learnt a range of songs about keeping safe when crossing the road and created pictures of themselves walking to school. This has formed a large display in the Foundation Stage entrance.



We then used our new control cars and were able to move them backwards and forwards using the remote control.



This topic led the children to finding out about the occupations of the people who help us in the community. The children found out about police officers, paramedics, doctors and they took on a variety of roles. Some of the children pretended to have broken limbs and called 999 for help!



The children discussed their pets and those belonging to their friends and then went to visit the pets in school. This was used as a link for the children to begin to raise their awareness of the wider school. This link was then continued by discussing the jobs that adults do at home and the roles of adults in school. Mr Lowe came to visit with his tools and the children found out about Mr Lowe's role. Members of the Office Staff came to tell the children about the special jobs that they do in our school.

In the coming weeks the children will be finding out about 'Summer'. They will create their own ice creams and have a special picnic.

The children will also beginning to get ready for Foundation Two and will be visiting their new class and outdoor environment and begin to get to know the staff that they will be working with next year.

Foundation Two



The children were fascinated by a large boot and a set of keys that arrived in class. The children were encouraged to predict and discuss where they thought they came from and who they belonged to. The children developed their early measuring skills and found objects longer and shorter than the boot. The children were also eager to retell the story of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' with their friends. There were many fierce giant voices in Foundation

Two! The children used their imaginations to create their own giants and created speech bubbles for them. The children found 'magic keys' and talked about where they would be able to go to use the keys.

When finding out about 'The Gruffalo' the children began to write simple descriptions and helped the Gruffalo share sticks with his friends. We also had great fun following a recipe that the Gruffalo left us in class. We made...Gruffalo Crumble! The children tasted it and thought it was delicious!



After reading 'Stanley's Stick' the children created their own special sticks and decided how they would use their stick. They thought of some wonderful uses such as magic wands and gymnast sticks. They wrote about their sticks and shared their descriptions with their friends.

During 'Beep Beep' road safety week the children talked about keeping themselves safe on the way to school and how we need to cross the road safely. The children then wrote about this, drew pictures and created a display with Foundation One.



We created our own road signs and used the small world road maps to show how we need to cross safely.

At the moment the children are having great fun finding out about 'Pirates'. They found a parcel containing items and so their adventures began. The children created an imaginary pirate and labelled it. They are learning how to be pirates and go on adventures at sea. The children will receive a message in a bottle from Pirate Jake and will have to write and tell him how to get back from a desert island. They have been counting on to reach treasure on a number track and will be creating their own treasure maps. They will be kind pirates and will share quantities of golden doubloons and will develop their story writing skills by using props from the 'Once Upon a Time' story chest'.



The children have been using outdoors to note the changes to their beans and potatoes that they planted. They have been using the super new outdoor equipment that has been purchased. There have been lots of potions being created, filling containers with Giant Tea and buying items from Stanley's Seaside Shop!



As part of our Farm to Fork visits to Tesco the children had the opportunity to make their own muesli and eat a range of healthy snacks.

Parents have been invited to come into school at the end of the day to read with their child and the children are really enjoying having the opportunity to read with a member of their family.



During this final half term, the children will begin their transition into Year One. They will be having story sessions with their Year One teacher, attending assemblies and taking part in a special pirate treasure hunt, in which the clues will lead them to different areas of the school that they will use as Year One children.

