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Sunflower Newsletter

Last week the children also enjoyed planting our own seeds for vegetables and some beans, we have set up an area in the garden where children can do their own planting. We look forward to seeing what will grow.

If you do any planting or gardening with your child at home please try to take some photos and add them to Tapestry along with any Spring nature walks you might go on.

Maths– First, then, Now

This week we are focusing on time, including the days of the week. At home you can support your child by asking what day it is today, what day it was yesterday and what it will be tomorrow. You can play games where you count how long it takes each of you to do something eg. build a tower of ten cubes and compare who was the fastest.

Writing support

We are continuing to consolidate set 2 sounds in phonics and supporting the children to apply their sounds in their writing. Here are a few things that you can do to support them:

- Using the videos on Google classroom, practise forming letters correctly- particularly ones your child may still find tricky.
- Remind your child to hold their pencil correctly, using a 'tripod grip'
- Encourage your child to write- cards/lists/letters/captions for pictures/recipes/stories etc.
- When writing, remind your child to 'Fred talk' the words.
- If you are 'Fred talking'/sounding out for your child, please use each phoneme and not each letter eg. happy is sounded out h-a-p-ee not h-a-p-p-y. This means words might not be spelled 'correctly' but will be phonetically accurate eg. 'happy' may be written as 'hapee'. As children learn more phonemes and words, they will begin to spell accurately. At this stage, getting them writing and applying the sounds they know is most important.



School Uniform

As mentioned previously, at this time, the children can wear either their summer or winter uniform but not a combination of both eg. tights are not permitted with summer dresses and the school polo shirt can only be worn with shorts. PLEASE NOTE: the school jumper or cardigan are part of **both** winter and summer uniform and should be in school every day. Even as the weather gets warmer, I would still advise sending your child to school with a coat/jacket with a hood.

Thank you for your continued support.