



Spring Grove Primary School

Reception Homework and News

Friday 10th March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have been continuing their learning based around the story **Oliver's Vegetables** by **Vivian French**. This week, we have been encouraging the children to talk about the different vegetables they know and what they enjoy eating. The children all know that vegetables are healthy and are an important part of their diet. However, when we spoke about which vegetables the children actually eat we were surprised that many of them were not keen on the things Oliver dug up from his garden. We decided to cook and eat some of the food that Oliver enjoys at his grandad's house and asked the children to share their thoughts on the dishes. The children ate baby leaf spinach, sautéed cabbage and some even tried rhubarb! We were so impressed with how many of the children tried all of the different vegetables and many of them even wanted seconds!

We were also inspired by Oliver's Grandad and we had a go at planning our own seeds. We started by watching a time-lapse video which showed us how to plant watercress seeds and then showed them growing over the course of 6 days. We have set up a growing station in the classroom with our planted seeds that includes a ruler and some lovely homemade signs to help us monitor any seed growth. The children have been watering the seeds and making sure the spot we have chosen gets plenty of sunlight. We hope to see lots of changes as the seeds germinate and begin to grow!

The children used this experience to produce some fantastic instructional writing, explaining the steps required to plant seeds. We encouraged the children to use time connectives such as 'first', 'next' and 'then' to help others know exactly what to do if they wanted to create their own watercress garden. Currently, in Reception we are working on independently applying our phonic knowledge whilst writing as well as using finger spaces and making sure that the taught 'red words' are spelt correctly. Reception Class' independent writing continues to improve!

During, our maths meetings we have begun to look at 3D shapes. We have been recognising and sorting them as well as creating and building with them. We will continue to consolidate this learning, and will soon begin to look at properties of 3D shapes, over the coming weeks.

We really loved celebrating World Book Day and coming to school in pyjamas! We talked about our favourite stories and enjoyed sharing books with friends. Year Five surprised Reception Class by writing little books about them and they even came to share them with us. It was really exciting for our class to hear a story where they were the main character and they really enjoyed talking to the older children about how they wrote and illustrated their books.

Ideas to support your child at home-

- Can you see any 3D shapes around you? Go on a 3D shape hunt around your home or when out and about and see what you find!
- Please find your child's latest phonic video to support their learning on Google Classroom.

Have a brilliant weekend!

Mrs Lloyd, Mrs Kotecha and Miss Manlow ☺

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