

Early Years Foundation Stage Newsletter 11th March 2022

Nursery

This week we started looking at the beautifully illustrated story of *The Tiny Seed* by Eric Carle. After reading we revisited what plants need to grow and how we can take care of them, and each planted our own sunflower seeds. The children enjoyed Forest School fun on Wednesday – in addition to climbing trees, digging and preparing food in the mud kitchen they each made woodland animals out of clay. In maths, we have continued exploring measuring and had great fun finding things longer than, shorter than and the same length as our own shoes.

In phonics, we are continuing on our *Letterland* journey and learnt the sound that the letter 'h' makes. I am really impressed with the children's recall of all the sounds we have learnt so far. We also played *I spy names* – honing in on identifying initial sounds in words.

The children are enjoying daily *Squiggle Whilst We Wriggle* sessions and getting to grips with the dance moves. On Friday we had a very special delivery – 5 tiny caterpillars. The children are very excited to watch them grow and transform into butterflies.



Reception

This week in reception we have had some very special guests, we have had 5 little caterpillars arrive and this has been the centre of our learning for the week. The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the life cycle of butterflies and all the different stages that the cycle consist of.

We have been reading the story of the curious caterpillar, the story is about growing and changing. We will be continuing to focus on the caterpillars into next week as we are waiting for them to grow.

In maths this week we have been learning about 3D shapes and all the interesting facts that surround the different shapes, we have played games and have been on shape hunts around the school to help the children recognise the 3D shapes in their everyday lives.

We have had a fantastic week in phonics and have been focusing on the sounds wr,ir,ur,ve. The children have been writing and practicing the sounds throughout the week.

The next Forest school will be taking place on Tuesday 15th March.

