



This week in preschool...

The children have settled back into our classroom routine beautifully. I am sure they have all grown over the Easter break!

This week we have enjoyed the warmer weather and have been busy planting our potato and wild flower seeds in our raised beds. The children have been telling me all about their sunflower plants at home.

As one of our focus songs this term is Five Little Speckled Frogs, we looked at Monet's famous painting called, "Water lilies". We then made our very own response using tissue paper and paint. Some children decided to work as a team and took turns beautifully. Well done Cherries!

We are learning different letter sounds each week. This week we learnt about the sound "n" <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/cbeebies-phonics-playlist>

We then thought about all the different words and names that began with this sound.

We will be bidding farewell to Miss Coe, who is leaving the preschool team today. We will miss her and wish her well in her next adventure. We will be welcoming Mrs Croxfords to the team next week.

Next week in Cherry Class

We will be learning all about farm animals and their babies. We will be enjoying the story "What the ladybird heard".

We will be matching numbers to quantities and making repeating patterns.

We will also continue to take part in fun activities from our phonics programme.

Phonics - Phase one

Did you know there are seven areas in phase one phonics which are essential for children to develop their reading skills? They are:

- Environmental sounds.
- Instrumental sounds.
 - Body percussion (e.g. clapping and stamping)
- Rhythm and rhyme.
 - Alliteration.
 - Voice sounds.
- Oral blending and segmenting (e.g. hearing that d-o-g makes 'dog')

Here at preschool we cover all these aspects on a weekly basis.

Forest school sessions - Update

We have exciting news! We have had some volunteers who will be helping us with our forest school sessions. I am planning to run on-site sessions every Wednesday morning from 9.30am to 11.00am.

I will run the first session on Wednesday 24th April. Children who attend on this day, **will need** wellington boots, waterproof coats and waterproof trousers. **We will be outside whatever the weather!** Please remember to pack these items to avoid disappointment. I have completed a "stock take" of forest school items that are on our trolley and we do have missing items.