

Week commencing 08.06.2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

Despite the recent wet weather, the children have settled back into school routines very well and have made a positive start to the new term.

We are pleased to see the progress the children are making in Phonics. They are enjoying learning Phase 5 sounds and are growing in confidence when applying these in their reading.

This week, our learning will be centred around the story *The Extraordinary Gardener*. As part of our literacy work, we will be encouraging the children to use their imagination to write about an "extraordinary" object, developing their ideas and applying their phonics knowledge in their writing.

Phonics - In phonics we will be carrying on learning the phase 5 sounds: 'oy' (e.g. toy, boy), 'ir' (shirt, dirt), 'ue' (glue, blue), and 'aw' (paw, draw). We will be learning to read the words: 'people', 'Mr' and 'Mrs'.

Literacy - This week, we are very excited to be sharing the beautiful story *The Extraordinary Gardener* by Sam Boughton. The book tells the story of Joe, a young boy who lives in a grey city but dreams of a colourful world full of plants and wildlife. When he plants a small seed, he begins to transform not only his own space but also the world around him, showing how small actions can make a big difference

PSHE - We will be continuing our new topic 'Changing Me'. This week we will be talking about healthy foods and what activities we can do to keep our bodies healthy.

Maths - This week the children will be developing their understanding of shapes and their properties. They will explore how shapes remain the same even when moved or rotated. For example, a triangle is still a triangle in any orientation, as long as it has three sides and three corners.

Through practical activities, the children will learn to recognise and describe shapes with increasing confidence. You may wish to support this at home by identifying shapes in different positions within everyday environments.

Music - We will listen and appraise 'Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy' by Tchaikovsky. We will then recap over some of the songs we have been learning over the year, focusing on keeping the rhythm.

If you are able to send in any donations of the following items to help us develop our fairy gardens: shells, gems, cardboard boxes,

Thank you in advance 😊

Diary Dates

Wednesday 10th June - Sports Day (see separate email)

Thursday 11th June - FoML Hero's Day Pop Up Shop

Thursday 11th June - Forest School

We will be making a call on whether we postpone Sports Day on Tuesday 9th June by the afternoon

Thank you,

The Reception Team 😊