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Our topic this week is 'Harvest'. This week we have read books about farming, harvest, fruits and vegetables. The children learnt new harvest songs such as, 'Big Red Combine Harvester'. We talked about why and how people celebrate harvest.

Books we have read:

- The scarecrows wedding
- Supertato
- What the ladybird heard
- The little red hen
- A squash and a squeeze
- The gigantic turnip

Activities/provision this week:

- Small world farm - The children played with the farmyard, tractor, trailers and farm animals.
- 'Little red hen' tuff tray - The children played with a 'baking bread' sensory tray. They pretended to bake bread using flour, plain coloured playdough, rolling pins, scales, bowls, spoons etc.
- Harvesting tuff tray - The children pretended to sow and harvest different vegetable. They used plant pots, trowels and watering cans. We made moon sand mixed with cocoa powder to look like soil.
- Cleaning the farm animals activity - The children played with the farm animals in pretend mud. They used clean water and sponges to clean off the muddy farm animals.
- We read 'The gigantic turnip'. The children pretended to make vegetable soup from the story using bowls, spoons, coloured water and vegetables.

- Fruit and vegetable shop - The children played in our fruit and vegetable role play shop. They explored real vegetables when pretending to work in the shop.

### **Phonics: Instrumental sounds**

This term our phonics focus is instrumental sounds! We will be experimenting playing with a variety of instruments. We will practice playing the instruments loud, quiet, fast, slow etc.

### **Maths: Patterns**

The children have been learning how to:

- Recognise patterns in their environment
- Create their own simple AB patterns using coloured bears and cubes.
- Continue a simple pattern using coloured bears and cubes

Next week the topic will be: **Pumpkins and Autumn**

### **Important information**

- Please can the children bring in any **books from home about Autumn**.
- Send in any WOW moments for the children or photos of experiences to [pre-school@bishopstawton-primary.org](mailto:pre-school@bishopstawton-primary.org).
- This half term we will be holding **parent meetings**. Your child's key worker will approach you next week to arrange a time/date.