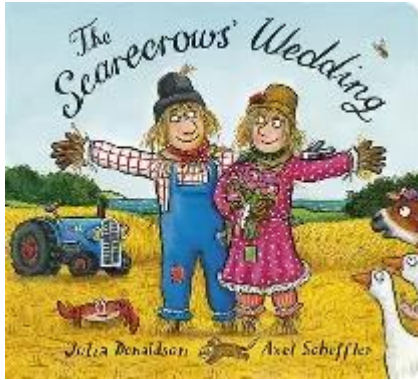




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Our topic this week is 'Harvest'. We have been learning all about Harvest Festival, farming and fruit/vegetables.

Books we have read this week:

- The Gigantic Turnip
- A Squash and a Squeeze
- The Little Red Hen
- Flip Flap Farm
- The Runaway Pea
- Supertato
- The Scarecrows Wedding

Activities/provision this week:

- **Learning about vegetables** – At circle time the children looked at some real vegetables and talked about their look, taste and texture.
- **Corn rolling** – The children explored rolling corn onto paint and paper. They enjoyed seeing the marks the corn made on the paper.
- **Harvest seeds tray** – The children played with various fruit/vegetables, exploring the different smells and textures. They used their fine motor skills to pick out the seeds, and we talked about the cycle of growing fruit/vegetables. The children juiced lemons/grapefruits and made harvest food creations.
- **Making a scarecrow** – We talked about why farmers need scarecrows and made our own. The children helped to stuff straw instead some spare clothes and make a face.
- **Washing the pig's sensory tray** – The children played with cocoa powder mixed with water to make 'mud'. The children then used sponges and water to 'clean' the muddy pigs.

- **Harvest apple craft** – The children decorated a harvest apple using red/yellow/green pens and coloured tissue paper.
- **Vegetable printing** – The children explored painting with different vegetables and harvest coloured paint. We talked about the shapes and sizes of the different vegetables.
- **Making smoothies** – On Friday the children made smoothies using different fruits and juices. We talked about the textures of the fruits and how they changed.
- **Farm playdough** – The children played with animal footprint playdough stones. We talked about the different animals you might find on a farm and what their prints look like.

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: Comparing quantities

This week the children have been learning how to compare quantities. They have been comparing two groups of objects and identifying which one has more or less. The children have been using mathematical language such as 'most, least, more, less, fewer'.

Nursery rhymes:

This term we will be learning the nursery rhymes:

- Old MacDonald had a farm
- Twinkle Twinkle little star
- Baa, Baa, Black Sheep
- Dingle Dangle Scarecrow
- See the sleeping bunnies
- Hickory Dickory dock
- Wind the bobbin up
- If you're happy and you know it
- The wheels on the bus
- I'm a little tea pot
- Five little monkeys

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

Important information

- Please can children bring in any books from home about autumn.
- Please can parents/carers send in family photographs for our family tree.
- Send in any WOW moments for the children or photos of experiences to pre-school@bishopstawton-primary.org.
- **School Open Afternoon Stay and Play - Thursday 19th November - 1.30pm-2.30pm**

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