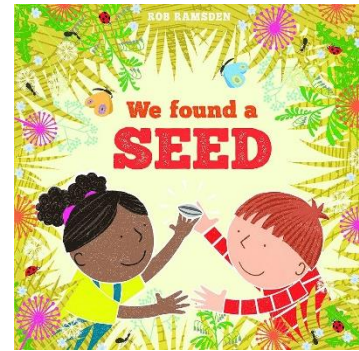


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This week our focus topic has been 'Growing'. We have read books such as, 'We found a seed' and 'Ben plants a butterfly garden'.



Activities this week at pre-school:

- We have talked about how we grow a flower. We sequenced different pictures of the process of growing a flower eg. digging the compost, planting the seed, watering it.
- We read 'We found a seed' at circle time. The children then planted their own sunflower seed to take home.
- The children labelled the different parts of a flower. For example, the roots, stem etc. We talked about how the flower grows and then watched sped up videos of different plants and flowers growing.
- Messy play - The children played with flower petals in the mud kitchen area, mixing them with different natural materials.
- We experimented with pastels when making a daffodil. The children had real daffodils on the table to look at and talk about. Each child made their own daffodil using a paper plate, green, yellow and orange pastels, tissue paper and glue.
- Painting with flowers - the children painted lovely pictures using small flowers instead of a paint brush.
- The children have been playing in our 'florist' role play area. This includes a till, pretend flowers, pots, seeds, watering can and trowels. The children pretended to grow and sell flowers to their friends.
- Flower playdough - They have been playing with green playdough, pots, green lollypops sticks, pictures of flowers, flower biscuit cutters.

Next week the topic will be EASTER! Please bring in any books about Easter

Important information

- Please send in any photos of the children enjoying Easter activities from previous years to share at circle time
- Honey Farm Trip - **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April** - please see details below

- Send in any WOW moments for the children or photos of experiences from their half term to: [pre-school@bishopstawton-primary.org](mailto:pre-school@bishopstawton-primary.org).

Dear Parents/Carers,

On **Tuesday 26th March** we are planning to take the children in Taw and Codden class on a trip to The Quince Honey Farm. During the visit the children will learn about bees, observe honey being harvested, make a candle, explore the gardens and have a play in the Hive Play Area. The PTFA have kindly offered to subsidise the cost of the trip, so the cost per child will be £10.50, which includes coach travel and entrance to the Honey Farm. Please pay via Eduspot/SchoolMoney.

If your child does not usually attend Pre-School on this day they are welcome to join us but in order to cover staff/child ratios your child must be accompanied with a paying adult. Unfortunately, we do not have capacity on the coach to take additional children/parents so we would ask that you make your own way to The Honey Farm and meet us there. The entrance cost would be £9.50 per child Payable via Eduspot/SchoolMoney. Please speak to a member of EYFS staff if you have any questions regarding this.

We will be departing and returning within usual school hours. Reception children must wear their school T-shirt and jumper, everyone needs to wear warm trousers, footwear that may get muddy (we recommend wellies!), a waterproof coat. We will be eating lunch at The Honey Farm, if you require a school packed lunch there is an option of cheese or ham roll which you are able to book on Eduspot/SchoolMoney, otherwise children may bring their own packed lunch. We request that there are no nuts, sweets or fizzy drinks. All children will need to bring a drink in a refillable drinks bottle. School will provide a snack. If you are meeting us there, please could you bring your child a packed lunch, we ask that you do not book your child a school packed lunch via Eduspot if your child is not attending school that day. If your child wears nappies or is toilet training please ensure that you provide enough nappies/changes of clothes, wipes for the day. Please could your child bring a small named backpack in which to carry their lunch, drink, nappies etc.

To summarise: Your child will need...

- Waterproof coat
- Warm clothes (Reception children – school jumper, own bottoms)
- Shoes that can get muddy (wellies)
- Packed lunch – Either from home or a school lunch booked via Eduspot
- Refillable water bottle
- Nappies, wipes/changes of clothes if required In order for the trip to take place we would be very grateful of parent helpers.

If you do not have a relevant DBS Certificate please speak to a member of EYFS staff who will be able to help you with this. If you do have any issues booking your child's ticket/lunch through Eduspot/SchoolMoney, please do let us know, you can email [families@bishopstawton-primary.org](mailto:families@bishopstawton-primary.org) and we will be happy to help. Warm Regards The EYFS Team