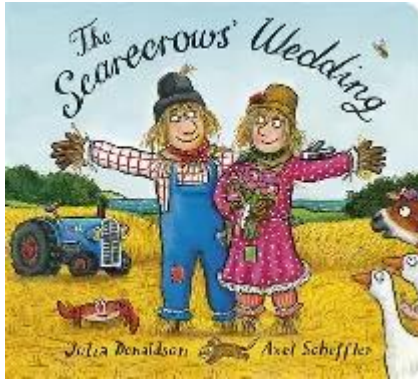




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Our topic this week is 'Harvest'.

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:

- **Apple picking** – We watched a video of Tractor Ted harvesting apples from the farm. The children helped collect apples from our school orchard.
- **Apple printing** – The children experimented with printing by using yellow/red paint and apples cut in half.
- **Apple rolling** – The children played with apples in the water tray, developing their fine/gross motor skills. They used scoopers to pick up and transport the apples. They enjoyed rolling the apples down the water tray.
- **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.
- **Messy harvesting tuff tray** – The children pretended to 'harvest vegetables'. They played with gardening tools and pretend soil (brown moon sand).

- **Scarecrow cutting craft** – The children created a scarecrow by cutting out the different pieces e.g. arms, legs, body, head. They glued them together on orange card.
- **Scarecrow craft** – The children made a scarecrow face using yellow tissue paper, buttons, pens and glue.
- **Baking bread** – We read the story of 'The Little Red Hen' and talked about helping our friends. On Friday the children helped to bake bread which they tasted for snack.

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: Sorting

We have been learning to sort objects into different groups and describe them e.g. sort by shape, colour or size.

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 continue to be: **Harvest!**

Important information

- Please can children bring in any books from home about farming or farm animals.
- 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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