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Our topic this week is **Growing, signs of spring!** We have also talked about Mother's Day.

This week we have read:

- Sam Plants a Sunflower
- We Found a Seed
- Jasper's Beanstalk
- That's my Flower
- Ten Seeds
- The Tiny Seed

Activities/provision this week:

- **Mother's Day cards** - Decorating a card to take home for their Mum or loved one.
- **Planting seeds** - We read stories and watched videos of the growing process, talking about what a seed needs to grow. Children planted seeds in pots for us to watch grow and take home.
- **Flower printing** - dabbing real flowers into paint and printing onto paper. Using pastel spring colours.
- **Sequencing growing pictures** - The children sequenced pictures in order of how to grow a seed. We also acted this out using props.
- **Messy tray** - The children pretended to plant seeds, practising what they need to do. They explored plant pots, soil, watering cans, seeds, trowel.
- **Planting playdough** - brown playdough, flowers, pots, lollypop sticks.

- **Flower shop role play** – The children learnt about different types of flowers. They acted out buying flowers from a florist and giving them to a friend.
- **Flower decorating** – Decorating a craft flower by scrunching up tissue paper and sticking it to the outline of a flower.
- **Fine motor activity** – Children practiced cutting by using scissors to cut up flowers.
- **Constructions** – Building their own flower garden.

Phonics: Alliteration

This term our phonics focus is Alliteration. The children have been developing their understanding of alliteration. They have been listening to sounds at the beginning of words and hearing the differences between them. The children have explored how different sounds are articulated. We have been playing games such as, I spy - initial sounds, silly soup and bertha the bus goes to the zoo.

Nursery rhymes:

This term we will be learning the nursery rhymes:

- Five little ducks
- Five little monkeys
- Five crispy pancakes
- Polly put the kettle on
- Hot cross buns
- Mary, Mary quite contrary
- Round and round the garden like a teddy bear
- Little peter rabbit
- Doctor Foster

Maths: Exploring and understanding number four

The children have been learning how to:

- Count to 4
- Compare numbers 1,2,3 and 4 - using language of smaller and bigger
- Understand that 4 is 1 more than 3
- Understand that 4 is made of 3 and 1 or 2 and 2
- Order numbers 1 to 4

The topic after next week will be: **Growing, Flowers, signs of spring**

Important information

- Please can the children bring in any **books about Growing, Flowers, Spring.**
- Please send in WOW moments for your children to share at circle time - pre-school@bishopstawton-primary.org
- **Sports Relief (Comic Relief) - Friday 20th March**

Sports Relief is fast approaching, and our school councillors have been busy coming up with fundraising ideas. The year 6 team will be hosting a range of sports activities for each class throughout the day. In addition to this, children will undertake a range of class-based activities. The school council have requested that we fundraise in these ways:

- Wearing something sporty on the day - this could be as simple as a pair of trainers, PE kit, football kit, etc., or going all out and dressing as a sporting hero!
- Having a cake sale - please drop cakes to the school hall on arrival. There will be a table and a sign saying "cake sale donations".
- Hosting a sports-style 'Bake Off' competition for anyone who would like to join in - submissions should be labelled with the child's first name and class, and be dropped to the school hall on the morning of Friday 20th. There will be a table and a sign saying "Bake Off competition". The winner and runner up will be chosen by our two school chairs and will be announced in a special assembly in the afternoon. There is a prize for their efforts!

We would be grateful if any donations could be made via the following link to the JustGiving page:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/bishops-tawton-primary-school-8?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL&utm_campaign=020

Many thanks,

Miss Sobey and the School Council team

- **Easter Chick Challenge Workshop** -(Due to numbers this session is only for children who attend Pre-School on Wednesday Afternoon due to space).

We would like to invite you to join us for an Easter Chick Challenge Workshop on **Wednesday 25th March 2-3pm**. During the afternoon there will be a variety of Easter Activities to complete with your child, we hope that you are able to join us.

- We will be holding 10-minute **parents' meetings** this half term, your child's key worker will approach you to arrange a date/time.
- Stay and Play session - **20th March - 8.45am-10.00am**
- Dentist Visit - **Thursday 23rd April**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Torrington Dental Practice will be visiting Taw and Codden Classes to share information about looking after teeth with parents and children on **Thursday 23rd April**. Parents are very welcome to join their children for this interactive and informative session, we hope that you will you attend if you are able to.

Codden Class session will run approximately 9-9:30am in class.

Taw (Pre-school) session will run approximately 9:30-10am. (If your child does not normally attend Pre-school on this day parents are welcome to bring their child(ren) in for the talk and must stay, due to staff ratios). If you would like to come and your child(ren) usually attend on this day you are welcome to stay after drop off or bring them slightly later for 9:30am, please let a member of Pre-School staff know.

If you have any further questions please speak to a member of the EYFS team, we hope that you are able to attend.

Best Wishes

The EYFS Team