

What a wonderful first week of the Summer term we've had! We are excited about our 'How does your Garden Grow?' topic and we are already sharing lots of super information about gardens and garden centres.

Now that we are settled and we are familiar with our classroom, the children should sit on the carpet when they arrive in the morning. On Thursday and Friday, they did brilliantly with their morning tasks and it meant that we were prompt for Registration. Mrs Olley or Mrs Sheppard will remind your child to put their reading folder (which contains their Link Book) into the blue box before sitting on the carpet.

The children have enjoyed exploring the great outdoors and they expertly collected lots of little treasures from nature. They used them to create super self-portraits (which are on display in Oak Class's creative area, near the sink).

We have learnt about capacity and the children put their learning to good use on our new water wall outside. We've had lots of pouring, filling and splashing fun! We also used our capacity vocabulary when playing in the sand table. Our addition is improving and we are working hard to add two numbers. We are doing really well and we are trying to remember how to form our numbers correctly.

The new outdoor kitchen is a big hit and the children have enjoyed creating and serving lots of sandy delights to their friends! It is wonderful to hear their fantastic imaginative ideas as they take on different roles during their play.

In English, we each wrote a letter to Mrs Stevens. We have revised our knowledge of Stage 2 and Stage 3 sounds and we have enjoyed listening to 'The Enormous Turnip'. We have also begun to produce labels so that we can create a 'garden centre' role play in the classroom.

The whole school is taking part in the 'Daily Mile'. Each day, we complete numerous laps of our field near our playground. We can walk, run, hop, jump or skip! It is tiring but we try not to stop (although we haven't managed a full mile yet). In PE, we have also practised our throwing and catching skills and we have used large movements on the field apparatus.

Today (Friday), we enjoyed an exciting Drama session with Miss Rickards. Miss Rickards will be leading our Drama session every Friday. We also enjoyed a lovely afternoon with Mrs. Rees, where we discussed emergencies and using 999. You may wish to talk about this with your child. Mrs Rees will be teaching Oak Class for either

one afternoon or one morning each week. Today, she took us to the main garden area so that we could look at our seeds that we planted. They are growing - which we were very excited about.

NOTICES

PE Kits

Our PE sessions will vary depending on the weather so it would be really useful (if possible) if PE kits could be brought into school on Monday morning. They will be sent home each Friday for the weekend.

Sun Lotion

Now that our Maths and Writing areas are set up in our outdoor area, we are able to take most of our learning outside. Hopefully, the weather will soon improve so if possible, it would be brilliant if you could send in some sun lotion (that doesn't irritate your child's skin) for your child to apply on sunny days. The label provided should be stuck onto your child's tube/bottle to avoid mixing them up. Adults will also apply lotion to their own skin, to demonstrate the importance of staying safe in the sun. We will apply it in a group setting so that we all use the right amount (and we'll try to reach all of our skin that is exposed to the sun, whilst avoiding our clothing) - but please be advised that adults at school **cannot** apply the children's lotion.

Show and Tell

We have had lots of fabulous things arriving in class this week. 'Show and Tell' is really important for developing the children's speaking, listening and attention - but from next week, we will be holding Show and Tell on Fridays only. Wow vouchers will continue to be shared each day. Thank you for sending so many vouchers in this week. The children are very proud when they talk about them in front of the class.

Phonics Meeting

Please remember that there will be a phonics meeting next Friday after school at 3:25 in Chestnut's Classroom (opposite Oak), which you are welcome to attend.

If you have any queries or concerns, please don't hesitate to come and chat after school when all of the children have been safely collected.

I hope that your child has had a great week. Enjoy your long weekend!

Many thanks for your support, **Mrs. S Breakwell**