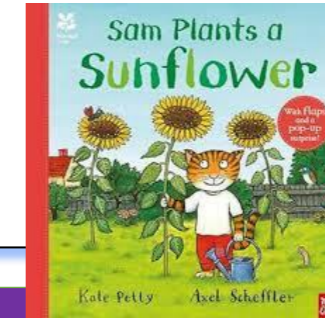


Our book focus this week is:
Sam Plants a Sunflower

This week in Reception Class...

1st June 2026



This week in maths, the children have been sharing and grouping. The children have been comparing numbers and sharing them equally. During COOL Time, the children have been sharing loose parts into different number of sets. We have been using the vocabulary share, fair, unfair, equal and unequal.

We have continued to enjoy learning about growing and what plants, such as sunflowers need to help make them grow. The children have shared their experiences of the beanstalks they planted at home, and we have enjoyed sharing some photographs. The children have also been telling us about how tall their sunflowers are growing for the PTA competition. The children have been learning about the life cycle of a sunflower and how useful the sunflower seeds are. They have also been fascinated finding out that a sunflower head follows the sun.

From our story focus this week, the children have been understanding and learning some new vocabulary. This has included parts of a plant such as root, stem, bud, shoot and growing words such as germination.

The children have enjoyed finding the minibeasts in the story that have speech bubbles. We created our own speech for what a sunflower would say it needs to help it to grow. The children have also been adding the following labels to a sunflower-petal, stem, leaf, flower, roots and seeds.

This week the children have demonstrated some super fine motor skills when cutting out some complex patterns to make flowers.

On Wednesday we had our final stay and play. We did a carousel of sports on the field - cricket, golf and tennis, tag rugby and throwing. We had great fun!

We have been looking at pictures of allotments and vegetable patches. Some of the children even have their own vegetable patches at home. We used Lego and construction to design our own vegetable patches. After looking at some famous flower paintings such as sunflowers by Vincent van Gogh, we used different media to make our own flower

We have discussed how we can keep our bodies protected with this lovely summer sun. The children have been very good at remembering to wear their sun hats and take their bottles out at playtime to stay hydrated. Great job Reception Class!

C of EL This week we have observed the class...

Developing their ideas of grouping.