Rotherfield Primary School — Year R — Term 5

Maths

This term we are focusing on numerical patterns. The children will learn to verbally count beyond 20 and to recognise the pattern of the counting system as they do so.
We will continue to work on our mathematical fluency within 10, practising automatic recall of number bonds to 5, and some to 10. We will also further explore adding more and taking away.

Physical Development

Our balance bikes will help the children to develop their ability to negotiate space and obstacles safely, with consideration for themselves and others. They will continue to develop the foundations of handwriting, including a good pencil grip. They will also be encouraged to show accuracy when drawing, through observational drawings of minibeasts and flowers.

Literacy

Our key texts this term include The Tiny Seed, and The Very Hungry Caterpillar. The children will also be exploring poetry. They will have a go at creating and performing their own poetry.
The children will also write a seed diary this term as they plant and care for beans. We will make posters to encourage people to save the bees.

PSED

We will be thinking about the characteristics of a good friend, how to show kindness to others and sensitivity to their needs. We will be working cooperatively, taking turns and listening to others' ideas. We will continue to explore what it means to be healthy and the importance of healthy food choices and dental hygeine. As we begin to look towards Year 1, we will be working on further developing independence.

Peake Class

Mrs Long and Mrs Selby

Into the Garden

Communication & Language

This term the children will continue to develop their conversation skills, engaging in back and forth exchanges and listening to others.
We will continue our focus on developing and using new vocabulary introduced from our key texts.
The children will be encouraged to express themselves using full sentences, past, present and future tenses and conjunctions.

People and Communities

This term we will learn about the famous author and illustrator Eric Carle. To understand what an author and illustrator are, we will explore two of his books in detail and read many more during our class story times.

The World

We will take advantage of the spring weather and changes in the season to learn about the natural world this term. We will find out what plants need to grow and learn about the processes of planting and growing.
As the term progresses, we will move from planting and growing to minibeasts, learning all about how important these tiny creatures are. We will create a bug hotel, go on a bug hunt and learn about the life cycle of a butterfly.

Being Imaginative

The children will have the opportunity to explore our flower shop role play area and garden small world inside. We will use the construction materials outside to build our own gardens. In music, we will be learning different songs about minibeasts.

Creating with Materials

This term we will explore artistic techniques and experiment with colour, by painting still life pictures of flowers, and having a go at painting sunflowers in the style of Van Gough. We will also learn about Eric Carle's special and distinctive creative technique. There will be an emphasis this term on the children evaluating their own work and explaining the processes they have used. They will also be gently encouraged to perform a poem with others.