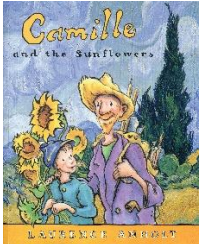




Weekly Learning Letter

Early Years – 16.03.26

<p>This week in Early Years...</p> 	<p>This week, the children completed beautiful observational drawings of sunflowers after reading <i>Camille and the Sunflowers</i>. We also used Van Gogh's <i>Sunflowers</i> painting to inspire us. Continuing the theme of sunflowers, in our science learning we have looked at the life cycle of a sunflower with how they need water, sunlight and food to grow. We have had lots of fun planting a seed, following our class step by step instructions that have linked to our English learning this week. The children are very excited to be taking these home as part of our class sunflower competition. In PSHE we have continued to think about our dreams and goals and enjoyed sharing these with the class, reflecting on whether we can meet them. We have also continued with our handwriting practise- focusing on letter size and orientation.</p>
<p>Maths</p> 	<p>In maths this we have been learning to make 10, the children have had opportunities to explore how different sets of objects can be put together to total the same number. Through hands-on activities such as using counters, cubes, or natural materials, they have investigated various combinations that add up to 10. This encourages reasoning, problem-solving, and mathematical language as they have explained how they formed their groups.</p>
<p>English</p> 	<p>This week in English we have focussed on writing instructions for growing a seed The children were encouraged to use their phonics to spell words correctly as well as remembering finger spaces and clear, accurate handwriting</p>
<p>Phonics</p>	<p>This week we have continued to consolidate our learning of phase 3, with a focus on: er (better) and words containing 2 digraphs (shark, tooth, coach)</p> <p>This week we have also consolidated learning to spell tricky words: to the no go into I</p>
<p>Partnered Reading</p>	<p>Books read this week: <i>The fox and the Ducks, Quick, Quick, Quick and Dig Sid Dig</i> Your child will be able to tell you which book they have read, and you can access these on Bug Club.</p>
<p>Reminder</p>	<p>Colchester Castle Trip on Thursday 26th March - Please arrive at school by 7:50am. Easter Hat parade on Friday 27th March</p>

To support your child's learning at home this week you could...

- Play a game with someone at home. Collect a few objects and show them in a pile – who has more/fewer?
- How many tricky words can you write in 1 minute?