



# APRIL in Reception

## Understanding the World

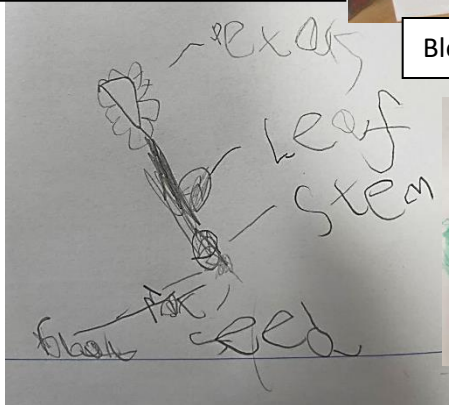
Our topic this half term offers lots of opportunities to explore living things and to closely observe natural processes. We want to foster curiosity and enthusiasm for the world around us. Here are some of our activities...



We have planted beans (just like Jack) and are now looking after them.



Dissecting and labelling the parts of a plant.



Blossom painting



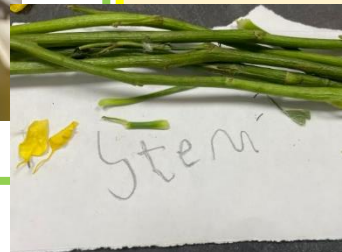
## I am learning...

- To confidently talk about my family and community.
- To name and describe people that I have come across within my community, such as hairdressers, the police, nurses, doctors and teachers.
- To talk about images of familiar situations that happened in the past.
- To draw information from a simple map.
- That some places are special to members of my community.
- That people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways.
- That there are similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries.
- About the natural world.
- To describe what I see, hear and feel when I am outdoors.
- That the local area I live in is different to other environments.
- **That the seasons change and have an effect on the natural world.**



We have been reading and writing instructions for planting a seed.

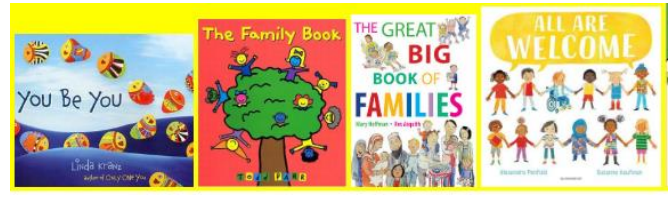
Carefully observing a root and shoot appearing!



# Since we started in Reception we have been developing our 'Understanding of the World' by...



Sharing books that help us celebrate our similarities and differences



## FOREST SCHOOL

Forest School encourages interactions with the outdoors to foster curiosity and give children freedom to touch, smell and hear the natural world around them during hands-on experiences



Looking at maps of the local area and talking about the familiar features.



Exploring the school site for signs of Spring



Welcoming visitors and going on local walks



Comparing old vehicles to our modern ones



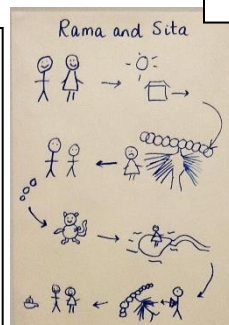
Learning to look closely and describe what we notice.

Looking carefully at bikes and drawing them



Christmas

We enjoy learning about the family celebrations and festivals that take place in our local community



Diwali

Chinese New Year