



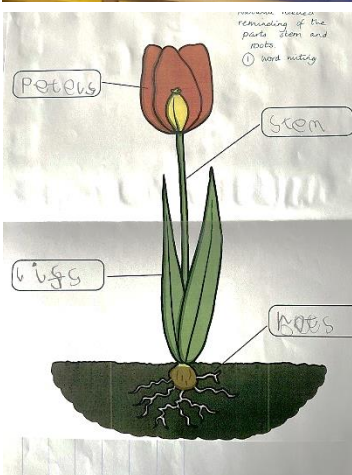
APRIL in Reception

Understanding the World

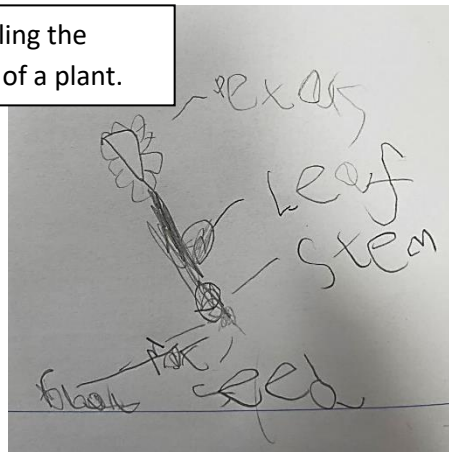
Our topic this half term offers lots of opportunities to explore living things and to closely observe natural processes. We want to foster curiosity and enthusiasm for the world around us. Here are some of our activities...



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

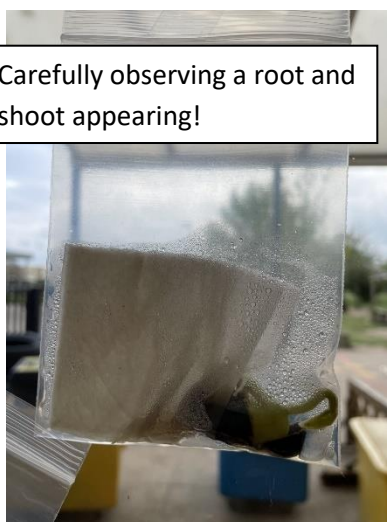


Labelling the parts of a plant.



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

Carefully observing a root and shoot appearing!



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, 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.**

Coming up...

We have booked a 'Hatching Experience' again! Our incubator will arrive on Tuesday 7th June and we will be able to watch the eggs hatch and look after the chicks for a short time. This gives the children a great opportunity to learn about animals from a real-life experience – you can't beat it!



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



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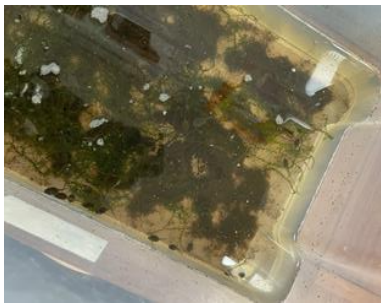


Forest School encourages interactions with the outdoors to foster curiosity and give children freedom to touch, smell and hear the natural world around them during hands-on experiences



Using different natural materials in the mud kitchen

Singing songs and sharing nature stories around the campfire



Watching tadpoles grow and change

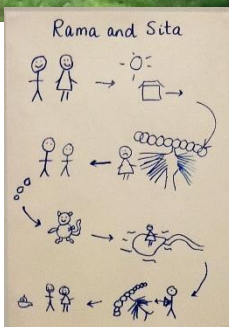


Welcoming visitors and going on local walks

Comparing old vehicles to our modern ones



We have been learning that Eid is celebrated when the new moon is seen. Here are our moons.



Chinese New Year

Diwali



Christmas

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

