



Tiger's newsletter 28th April 2023



Thank you to everyone who sent in a pot so your child could plant a sunflower seed. They will be bringing them home and they need to be in the sun, watered (only when the soil is dry) and they need to be given time to grow. Please keep us updated of any progress via email. The sunflowers we planted at school last week have started to grow. We already have shoots and tiny leaves.

Our story this week is 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. The children sequenced pictures to show how a bean grows and discussed the parts of a plant. We used the vocabulary **grow, roots, shoot, stem, leaves** and **flower**. We planted different types of beans to see if they would grow - broad beans, runner beans, french beans, baked beans and jelly beans. The children thought they would all grow, even the jelly beans and the baked beans! We will keep checking for progress and we are sure the children will keep you posted.

We retold the story of Jack and the Beanstalk, made 'bee' headbands, cut out 2D shapes to make a bee and we were challenged to make a spider using split pins – we needed lots of perseverance to complete that one!

We watched 'Green's Greens' and talked about healthy food choices. We discussed how some food can be eaten frequently and how some food should be eaten less frequently.

In phonics we practised reading longer words, including laptop, fantastic and hammer. Some children have learnt the new tricky words **some, come, love** and **do**. If your child is struggling to read a longer word at home, please remind them to 'chunk' the word.

In maths this week, we have been developing our 'subitising' skills (saying how many we see without counting). We looked at arrangements of '6' and talked about how 6 counters could be arranged in different ways. We also looked at the number blocks and how 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10 are 'even' numbers because 'even' numbers have flat tops! We discussed 'doubles' and used the stem sentence: "**6 is made from 3 and 3. 3 and 3 make 6.**" We used the same sentence for the other 'even' numbers too

We are going for our sponsored Spring walk on Wednesday – don't forget to keep collecting those sponsors and please make sure children have a waterproof coat and wellies in school!

Please email us on leebrigggtigers@watertonacademytrust.org. And please remember to follow us on twitter (https://twitter.com/Lee_Brigg) to see the amazing learning we have been doing.

From the Reception Team x