



Weekly Update



Weekly update 1st June to 5th June

The changing weather this week has provided lots of opportunities for us to focus on our natural world. While we all enjoyed the sunshine and being able to play outside without our coats on, we realised that this has had an impact on our allotment. On Monday, some of the children were getting it ready to plant some tomatoes; however, we realised that the ground was extremely hard and dry. We had to use all our muscles to dig it over and remove the weeds. Prior to half term, we watered everything we had already planted; however, the children noticed that a few of our plants had started to wither. This provided a wonderful opportunity for us to explore the reasons why this had happened. The children used their prior learning and decided that the plants had received too much sun and not enough water. Developing this understanding helps the children appreciate variations in the weather a little more.

This week, we have also received some caterpillars to look after and nurture until they become butterflies. The children have been observing them carefully, checking on them several times a day and commenting on how much they have grown before their very eyes. Over the next few weeks, we will learn what they need to survive and think about where we might release them once they become butterflies. Having experiences like this, where our children are actively involved in and enthusiastic about nature, helps to develop their love of it and, ultimately, their respect for it.

We have also enjoyed retelling the story of *The Three Little Pigs*, talking about the materials used to build the houses, the characters in the story, and its structure. This traditional tale is becoming a firm favourite with the children.



Focus

Words:

Five-frame

Blending

Compost

Lifecycle

Perform.

Week beginning June 8th

We will continue our work on *The Three Little Pigs* by encouraging the children to take on the roles of the characters in the story and act it out. This will enable them to develop their communication and language skills, practice turn-taking, and build a bank of stories.

Increasing our knowledge of the natural world will continue to be a focus as we build on previous learning about how we can use food waste to make compost and help our plants grow.

At home...

Go on a walk outside and see how many butterflies you can see, notice and comment on their colours and sizes.

Watch the Number blocks story of Three Little Pigs with your child and encourage them to talk about what they notice. A link can be found [here](#).