

Garden Club News

Summer Term 2 Newsletter



It's been really lovely to hear all the positive comments we have received on how our gardens are coming along. The children have continued to work hard to not only improve their garden area but to also maintain it.

They have been busy improving skills and knowledge to develop and maintain their garden during this half term. Our main topic of learning has been about seeds and various ways they are spread in nature and the children created some seed bombs to help spread our wild flowers around the school.



We discussed what senses we had covered in our garden so far and these included - scents from the Lemon Balm, Mint and Lavender and taste from our tomatoes, strawberries, radish, beetroot and potatoes. The children, therefore, decided to do a project on sight and sound. We painted some insects on circles of wood and then painted bamboo sticks with the patterns of these insects and put them together to create a wind chime.



For our last meeting this academic year we decided to gather some ingredients from the garden and taste the products we had been growing and talking about. The children sampled some seeded bread topped

with either a bruschetta tomato mix or honey. We discussed how herbs and seeds can be dried as well as used from fresh within our home for baking. The children enjoyed using their senses to smell the herbs and fresh ingredients as well as tasting them.

We are pleased to announce that our Garden Club is now a member of the **Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) School Gardening Campaign**. The children have to provide evidence to this campaign of their gardening knowledge and skills in order to achieve the campaigns levels. We are very proud to say that we have managed to reach Level 2 in this short time and have been sent not only certificates, but also 2 prizes for the children to use within the school and garden.



Some of the club with our achievements

We are hoping to continue with the gardening club next year and will be working towards the higher levels of this campaign in the Autumn Term.



School's for Nature
project.

With the help of Deer Class' wild flower garden and the garden club's seed bombs, painted bird boxes and bug houses we have been awarded the 'Schools for Nature' certificate signed by the one and only Sir David Attenborough. The children were all very excited to receive this certificate and we thank them all for making Moorlands a greener place.

