

Welcome back to pre-school everyone! We hope you have had a wonderful Easter!

We have had a busy and exciting week in class as we introduced our new topic "Growth and Change." The children have been enthusiastic learners and have enjoyed exploring this theme through a variety of activities.

As part of our topic work, the children have been learning about growing plants and flowers. We discussed what plants need to grow and stay healthy, such as water, sunlight, and care. The children also created some beautiful sunflower drawings, which will be proudly displayed in our classroom. [Roots, Stem, Leaves, Flower | Parts of a Plant Song | Parts of a Flower Song](#)

In Literacy, we have been learning how to sequence a story, using the key words *first*, *next*, and *last*. The children did a fantastic job ordering events and talking about what happened at each stage of a story.

We have also completed our phonics assessments this week. These will help us plan our upcoming key group work, which will begin shortly to further support each child's individual learning needs.



During music the children liked singing Ring o ring o roses and There's a worm at the bottom of the Garden.

They joined Mr Foster with a few songs about growing and minibeasts.

**Dough Disco** The children extended their fine motor control skills by joining in with dough disco, we used some key exercises to warm up our fingers and then participated in our group activity to strengthen our thumb and finger pinches.

**Forest Friday** was exciting, we had an amazing time exploring flower ice play, painting our stones and sticks and digging up the vegetables. The children also enjoyed a Friday Treat.



### Staff News!

I would like to congratulate 'Mandy' on becoming our permanent Pre-school Teaching assistant in pre-school. As many of you may know Mandy has done lots of jobs at Amblecote over the years and I am so happy that she has officially settled in pre-school. She has been a great support to us over the last few years covering absences and standing in on temporary basis. We will now be calling her Mrs Bristow, which is very confusing for the children! However, they are doing very well with the change, and a happy Mandy now has two names!



Thank you for all your support, Mrs Bradley, Mrs Jukes and Mrs Bristow.

### Stories of the Week

The story of the week has been 'Errol's Garden'

We talked about growing plants, using the sun, water and light to help them grow. We spoke about what we could do if we haven't got a garden to do our planting in. Errol started a garden on his roof and all the neighbours would visit!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-bc0-2YBV84>

We have also been looking at some more stories this week.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4nHIFGYA3E> Super worm

### Rhyme of the week

The Rhyme for this week was 'Ring o ring o roses. We looked at words that rhyme and words that start with the same sound. The children found it funny when we were making a silly verse using



words that sounded like each other and listened carefully to identify the sounds in the words such as R for roses

### Physical Development

In P.E., we have started an exciting new topic: Hockey. The children absolutely loved having a go with the hockey sticks and learning some basic skills. Over the coming weeks, we will gradually move on to Sports Day practice to help prepare and build the children's confidence ready for Sports Day in June.



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