

The Ark Nursery Newsletter

This week



Look how much our caterpillars have grown! The children are VERY excited to see them grow even bigger before they form chrysalis'. We've learnt all about the lifecycle of butterflies, making our own craft for this too. We have been caring for our plants too, inside the classroom on the window sills and outside in our greenhouse. It won't be long before we can plant these out! We are super excited to see some of our sunflowers germinating and are looking forward to measuring these as they grow. During our phonics sessions this week, we have learnt the sound 'x', as well as consolidating sounds we have already learnt. We began story mapping 'The Runaway Pea' in literacy. In maths we have looked at 'more than' and 'fewer than' and will consolidate this in following weeks. We have also been talking more about the human life cycle – looking at the different stages: baby, toddler, child, teenager, adult, elderly. We enjoyed the sunshine on Wednesday and Thursday with lots of outdoor learning – we've planted some beans to watch grow in bags on the windows.



Next week

Next week in our phonics sessions, we will continue to consolidate all phonemes learnt so far, before we move onto special friends! We will continue our learning surrounding our story book 'The Runaway Pea', finishing off story mapping and making marks of our own. In maths, we will look at 2D shapes. Having talked lots about plants and their life cycles, we will move onto a focus on animal life cycles. We will continue to care for our growing plants and make observations of this growth.

Learning links at home

- Go on a bug hunt. What did you find? Can you draw a picture of the different insects you found?
- Make the most of the spring sunshine and get outside to do some mark making. You could use a tub of water and a paintbrush, chalks or even a broom and water.
- Help your grown up to hang the washing on the line in the spring sunshine and help to develop your motor skills at the same time, squeezing the pegs together is a great workout for your fingers!