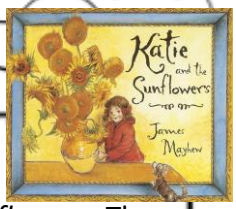


Reception Class Newsletter

22nd May 2026

Literacy



We have been reading *Katie and the Sunflowers*. The story is about a girl who visits an art gallery and jumps into the paintings! The children loved the magical adventures Katie had. We found out lots about the paintings and in particular Vincent Van Gogh's *Sunflowers* picture. The children decided that Katie shouldn't really have touched the paintings because this isn't allowed at an art gallery. They all agreed that they would follow the rules if they ever go on a trip to a gallery in the future. After all, these paintings are famous masterpieces and need to be looked after!

We explored words to describe the sunflowers and discovered that there are many different shades of yellow all with different names – canary, buttermilk, amber, saffron, citrine, ochre, mustard.

yellow	canary	gold	daffodil
flaxen	butter	lemon	mustard
corn	medallion	dandelion	fire
bumblebee	banana	butterscotch	dijon
honey	blonde	pineapple	Tuscan sun



Phonics

This week we have been revisiting everything so far.

Spotting diagraphs and trigraphs in words.

Reading longer words.

Reading words with initial and end blends including blend strings like str and spr

The children loved the giant tricky word hunt and managed to find all 46 words!

Sets of Summer Reception tricky words have been sent home to practise.

Painting Sunflowers

On Thursday we painted sunflower pictures using watercolours. We had to look carefully at the detail on the sunflower. We also collaged sunflowers using a variety of papers with different textures.

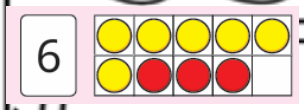
The artwork looks amazing.

We created our own art gallery for everyone to enjoy.

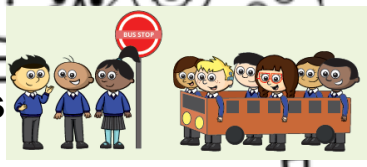
Planting sunflowers

We planted sunflower seeds in our own little pots and watered them carefully before putting them outside. Hopefully, you will start to see them grow in your care at home. Remember sunlight and water.





Maths



We began exploring addition. The children made stories using first, then, now.

First there were 4 people on the bus, then 2 more came along, now there are 6 people on the bus.

The children used objects and tens frames to tell their own stories and recorded these pictorially too.

We also enjoyed some linked stories and songs.

We will continue our learning with addition after half term.

After half term

- We will be starting a new topic – *People Who Help Us*
- In Phonics we will be revisiting all the learning so far to secure our knowledge and improve our reading fluency
- In Maths we will continue adding and taking away numbers within 10



Have wonderful week off for half term.
See you soon.