Communication and Language

This week we will be focussing on ‘how’ and ‘why’ questions. We will start the week by asking the children to think of some how and why questions to do with seeds and sunflowers. We will then research the answer to these questions during the week. The children will be encouraged to ask how and why questions in other areas of the curriculum.

Physical Development

This term we will be focussing on Games skills using hoops and Quoits on Monday. On Friday, we will be looking at our Athletic skills and preparing for Sports Day. This weeks, fine motor control or funky finger activity will be making a sunflower with seeds and petals. In handwriting we will be working on our capital letter formation.

Personal, Social and Emotion

This half term the children will be doing PSE with Mrs Smith during my PPA time. Mrs Smith will be looking at changes. They will discuss how they have changed and how we cope with unexpected change in our lives.

Understanding of the World

This week we will be planting sunflower seeds and looking at the life cycle of a sunflower. We will be recording our observations of the sunflower over the half term and discussing the changes that occur. The children will carry out an experiment to see what seeds need to grow and we will be making predictions on what we think might happen.

**Hatchmere The Tiny Seed**

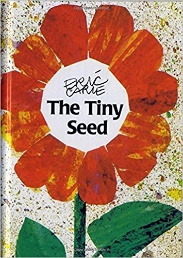
Literacy

This week we will be reading the book ‘The Tiny Seed’ by Eric Carle. This book allows us to explore the lifecycle of a seed and what seeds need to grow and flourish. The children will be writing instructions on how to plant a seed and labelling a simple diagram.

The children will be reading to me this week and we will be looking at non-fiction books and talking about how they differ from fiction books.

**Planning**

**24.4.17**

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Mathematics

This week we will be introducing number lines to the children to help with their addition and subtraction sums. The children will be using the number lines in a very practical way. They will be jumping up he number lines for addition and jumping down the lines for subtraction. It should help them keep fit!

We will also be looking at size comparison. The children will be finding objects taller/smaller than a metre and ordering the sunflowers by height.

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Expressive Arts and Design

This week the children are going to create their own beautiful flower in the style of Eric Carle. The children will be working with acrylic paints on plastic. The children will also be given the opportunity to create their own sunflower using real objects.

Parental Involvement Ideas

This week we are going to look at the objective ‘The children recognise that a range of technology is used at home’. Talk to your child about the different technology we have at home and how we use it. What does your child use independently- the TV, a tablet, a games console or a phone? Look round your house and see how many items you can find that use different types of technology. These may include microwaves, ovens, washing machines, docking stations, heating systems, alarms and computers. If your child wishes to they can draw and label some of the items they find at home.