

Water

Our topic this term has been...

This term, our Nursery and Reception children have embarked on a rich and exciting learning journey centred around the theme of Water—exploring its nature, its importance, and the life it helps sustain. Through a blend of hands-on activities, storytelling, scientific observation, and reflective worship, the children have deepened their understanding of the world around them.

One of the most exciting additions to our classroom has been the arrival of our class pets: two lively African clawed frogs and our newest Reception member, Sheldon the mud turtle. These fascinating creatures sparked curiosity and wonder as the children observed their anatomy, especially their feet, and compared them to their own. This led to meaningful discussions about similarities and differences between humans and animals, encouraging empathy, respect, and scientific thinking.

Building on this, the children explored what plants need to grow, with water playing a central role. They planted seeds, cared for them daily, and watched in amazement as their plants grew and flourished. This hands-on experience helped them understand the vital role water plays in nurturing life and connected beautifully with our wider theme.

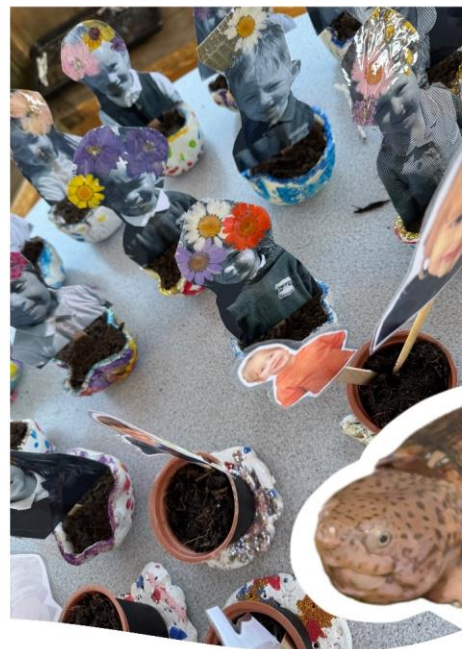
In literacy, the children immersed themselves in the Pie Corbett version of Jack and the Beanstalk. They practised retelling the story, created detailed story maps, and even innovated their own versions, demonstrating creativity, confidence, and a growing love for storytelling. Their imaginative ideas brought new twists to the classic tale and showcased their developing narrative skills.

During our church and class worship, we focused on the values of generosity and respect. These themes were explored through the story *The Smartest Giant in Town*, where the children reflected on how the Giant's kind actions showed true generosity. We also used Sheldon the turtle to talk about how we can show respect for animals, learning to care for and appreciate all living things in our classroom and beyond.

To celebrate all their learning and hard work, we held a joyful Sports Day fundraiser in the summer term. The children proudly helped sell watery treats like homemade lemonade and the plants they had grown, raising funds for future class adventures. It was a wonderful day filled with fun,

teamwork, and community spirit—bringing together everything we've learned about water, life, and values.

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