



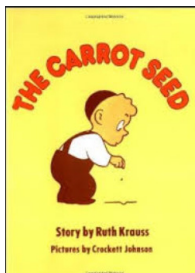
### WEEKLY PARENT NEWSLETTER – Pre Nursery 09 March 2015

#### Messages

- We will be looking at lots of different fruit and vegetables this week so we would be very grateful if you could send in one or two vegetables or herbs that you might have around the house. Potatoes, carrots, leafy greens, onion, parsley, coriander, anything that the children taste, smell and observe. Thank you.



#### Learning Theme of the week – Food on the Farm



This week we have continued to look at farms. We played “The Farmer in the Dell” as a group which encouraged the children to be inclusive and ask their friends to join in. We also played “Who’s Missing?” and the children are becoming very good now at remembering the animals and working out which animal has been taken out.

Next week we will look at plants and vegetables on the farm. We will read the story “The Carrot Seed” about a boy who plants some seeds and then looks after them and waters them very carefully. His patience and love pay off when the carrots start growing and he sees the results of his work.

#### Understanding the World

We will have a close look at vegetables and explore them with our senses. We will look at how plants grow from a little seed. We have already done some planting which the children have been watching with interest. We will cut some vegetables and look for seeds to plant. What changes can we see? Can we predict what will happen to the seeds?

We will feel, smell and taste a variety of vegetables. Can you guess what it is just by smelling? Or by tasting? Which taste do you like?

Later in the week the children will have a chance to practise their cutting and chopping as we will make a vegetable soup.

Along with growth there will also be a chance to observe decay. We will set up a special corner with decaying vegetables. How are these vegetables different to the fresh ones? Do they have the same colour? Do they smell the same? What will happen next?

#### Expressive Arts and Design

We will be using vegetables in our art activities. We will cut up some vegetables and dip them in paint to make vegetable prints. What mark does it leave? Will it look the same if we cut it sideways or if we cut it lengthways? Can you make some vegetable patterns?

We will make observational drawings of the vegetables. Which vegetable will you draw first? What colours can you use? What details can you add?

#### Mathematics

We will have a variety of seeds for children to look at and observe. We will talk about shape and size. We will observe what criteria children use when sorting the seeds. Some children may be sorting by size, colour or individual types of seeds. We will encourage them to speak about their choices.

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## **Dutch**

We hebben het boek 'Blauwtje en Geeltje' gelezen. Deze week lag de focus op het benoemen van de kleuren via allerlei spelletjes. Ook hebben we geoefend om de woorden 'want' en 'omdat' te gebruiken in een zin.

Please let us know if you have any questions or comments.

Many thanks again.

**The Pre Nursery Team.**