



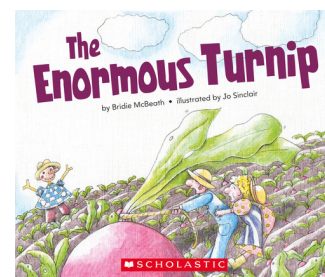
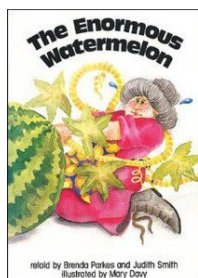
WEEKLY PARENT Information NEWSLETTER – Reception 13 October 2014

Notices:

- Leaving Early Sign Out – if you are taking your child out of school before the end of the school day, it is essential that you sign out at the EY Cubs or Primary Reception Desks. This enables us to ensure registers are accurate and informs bus and ECA lists for each day. After signing out, you will be given a green card to give to the guards as you exit the school. If you do not have a green card, they will send you back to the Reception to sign out. Thanks for your cooperation with this important Health & Safety check.
 - The Giving Tree - an opportunity for our community to give a little at Christmas by volunteering gift bags for migrant school children and their teachers. Please return reply slips ASAP if you wish to join our initiative. Ask teachers for more details.
- River of Hearts clothes donation - an opportunity for our community to clear out any unused/unwanted clothing items of any size or style and bring them into school for distribution across China for those in need. Donation Week begins 27th October.

Learning Theme

We will continue to think about 'Team work' and what it means to be part of a successful team. We will be reading the fantastic story "The Enormous Turnip" and taking its theme of literally pulling together to achieve a goal as inspiration for making up our own stories about team work and, sequencing and retelling the story. We will also be reading the similar story "The Enormous Watermelon". Our Big Question will remain:



What makes a successful team?

Development outcome- Understand that own actions affect other people.

Development outcome- Takes steps to resolve conflicts with other children, e.g. finding a compromise.

Vocabulary: team, together, communicate, share, common goal, success, team player, help

Literacy

We will be looking closely at the story The Enormous Turnip and encouraging the children to think about the sequence of events. The children will be able to identify the problem and re tell how the characters in the story worked together to resolve it. We will re-tell the story using picture props and act it out in groups.

Vocabulary: story, character, re-tell, order/ sequence, role-play, beginning, problem, ending

Development Outcome – plays alongside other children who are engaged in the same theme.

Development Outcome – uses talk to organise, sequence and clarify thinking, ideas, feelings and events.

Development Outcome – Plays cooperatively as part of a group to develop and act out a narrative.

Phonics

We will be consolidating all the sounds we have learnt so far and practice segmenting and blending orally.



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Mathematics

The children will be exploring weights and balances this week. We will be looking at ordering items by weight from heaviest to lightest and using the balance to compare as well as how things feel. The children will be invited to explore capacity with a variety of different containers in the water and sand trays.

Development outcome –. Orders two items by weight or capacity.

Vocabulary: measure, weigh, weight, light, lighter, lightest, heavy, heavier, heaviest, compare, balance, equal/ the same

Understanding the world and Physical Development:

We will use watermelons to explore how we can change things. There will be a range of tools available for the children to use to cut, chop, slice, grate, mash, mix and squash the watermelon. And we may even be able to freeze some to see how it changes in the cold. We will talk to the children about safety and show them how to use these tools safely and how to handle them with care.

Development outcome- looking closely at similarities, differences, patterns and change

Development outcome- Shows understanding of how to transport and store equipment safely

Development outcome- Shows understanding of the need for safety when tackling new challenges, and considers and manages some risks.

Vocabulary- tools, chop, slice, grate, mash, hard, soft, change, fork, knife, blender.

Mandarin

This week the children will be talking about a story which is called “ba luo bo”, and we will also talk about autumn and harvest, children will go outside have a look the changes of the autumn.

Vocabulary: autumn 秋天 (qiu tian) leaf 树叶 (shu ye) cool 凉快 (liang kuai)
gold 金黄色 (jin huang se)

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

Many thanks again.

The Reception Team.