



News Story – World Plant Power Day

Babies



To celebrate World Plant Power Day, the babies' room was organised with engaging activities centred around planting.

The children were provided with resources such as soil, plastic cups, sunflower seeds, and trowels. The babies were actively encouraged to participate by using the trowel to scoop soil into their plastic cups and then planting a sunflower seed in each cup. Throughout the process, the babies practised their transferring skills and

hand-eye coordination, demonstrating their developing abilities.

This activity also provided opportunities for sensory exploration, as the babies were able to feel and enjoy the texture of the soil. Their curiosity and enjoyment were evident as they communicated with their keyworker while completing the planting task, showing a keen interest in the experience.



Another activity was set up on the tuff tray, where the babies were guided to find wooden vegetables hidden in the soil. This

hands-on experience encouraged further exploration, with the children delighting in getting their hands into the soil and discovering the hidden vegetables.

During both activities, the babies were supported in developing their language skills and fine motor skills, making the day both enjoyable and educational.



Toddlers

Today, in celebration of World Plant Power Day, the toddlers engaged in a special activity designed to enhance their understanding of planting and caring for flowers.

The day began with the toddlers reading a book focused on planting. This story supported the children in developing their knowledge about how to plant flowers, as well as how to nurture and help them grow.



After reading the book, the toddlers demonstrated an understanding of the planting process by beginning to plant their own flower seeds. Each child used a plant pot, adding soil before placing their sunflower seeds into the pot. They then covered the seeds with additional soil and watered them to encourage growth.

As part of the activity, there was a discussion about sunflowers, including their appearance and the colour of their petals.

The children really enjoyed getting their hands dirty during the planting activities, and couldn't wait to see the plants grow into beautiful flowers.





Pre-School

Throughout the week, the children explored the concept of World Plant Power Day through a variety of engaging activities. Outdoors, they planted their own fruit seeds, using seeds from oranges and apples. The children showed great enthusiasm for the planting process, and each day they took responsibility for watering their plants, observing as the seeds gradually developed into healthy plants.



In recognition of Plant Power Day's focus on eating plant-based, nutritious foods, the children completed a jigsaw puzzle featuring wooden fruits and foods. This activity sparked discussions about healthy and unhealthy foods, helping the children to better understand the importance of making healthy dietary choices.

During Ramadan, the children took part in baking cookies and decorating fairy buns as part of a fundraising effort. They thoroughly enjoyed mixing and baking, and at the end of the day, were delighted to share and purchase the fairy buns with their parents.



The children also engaged in creative activities, making Mother's Day cards adorned with flower and butterfly stamps, glitter, and sequins. In preparation for Eid celebrations next week, they began crafting Eid cards using moon and star stamps, white paint, and glitter, expressing their excitement for the upcoming festivities.