

Desert and Seashore Room

Our Core Songs and Core Books: The Very Hungry Caterpillar

We are looking forward to receiving our caterpillar to butterfly kit after the half term so that we can watch how caterpillars are transformed into beautiful butterflies. We have been really enjoying reading Eric Carle's 'Very Hungry Caterpillar' Story and even spotted butterflies in the garden.



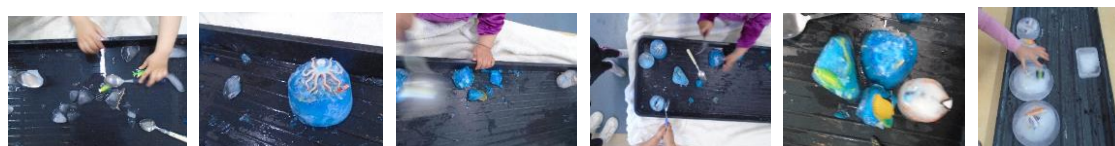
Planting

With plenty of spring and summer sunshine, the children have had lots of opportunities to plant sunflowers, strawberries, tomatoes, watercress, and runner beans. They've been delighted to watch their plants grow taller each week. While reading books such as 'Titch', children talked about what seeds need to grow and how we can help them become strong, healthy plants.



Ice Excavation Experiments

Children enjoyed ice excavation activities, using tools to free sea creatures frozen in the ice. As they tapped, they watched the ice melt and explored changing temperatures, textures, and shapes. This simple, hands-on activity offered a fun and meaningful introduction to early science concepts.



Rainforest Room

Our Core Books

'Jack and the Beanstalk', 'Jasper's Beanstalk', 'Errol's Garden' and 'The Tiny Seed'

The children have been brilliant nature detectives, lifting logs to discover all sorts of tiny neighbours — speedy ants, slimy slugs, wriggly centipedes and woodlice. One of the biggest excitements has been the return of our woodpigeon pair! They nested in our trees last year, and to everyone's delight, they've come back to build a brand-new nest. The children have loved watching them flutter, fuss and gather twigs. We've also been diving into stories about seeds and growing. The children loved rereading 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and threw themselves into imaginative role-play. The story was a brilliant springboard for growing our own beanstalks and thinking about the lifecycle of a plant. The children have also been using comparative language as they observed, and chatted about how their plants were changing day by day. Books like, 'The Tiny Seed', and 'Errol's Garden' have also sparked ideas about what we could grow ourselves. It's been fantastic hearing how the children's seeds from their home learning packs have been sprouting at home. In class, the children have grown beanstalks, sunflowers, tomatoes, grass, strawberries and cress. They've also been exploring the different parts of a plant, discovering how roots act like strong anchors and clever straws, helping plants drink up water and nutrients from the soil. They've had great fun comparing how plants grow, using descriptive language, and making drawings and paintings of beanstalks and flowers.



Special Events: Easter

We learnt that Christians celebrate the Easter festival to remember how Jesus came back to life. Easter is a huge celebration with Christians going to church and giving Easter cards and eggs.

Curriculum Learning

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Children loved going on Easter egg hunts and singing 'Hot Cross Buns.' Thank you to families who came along to sing with their children at the Easter Singalong.

Windrush

We would love families to come in and talk to the children why Windrush is important to your family. Do you have any dishes you like to cook for Windrush? Do speak to your child's Key Person.



Next Half Term Learning

Lifecycle of a butterfly



Did you know that the Horniman Museum has a beautiful Butterfly House where you can see hundreds of butterflies fluttering around an indoor tropical garden? The children will soon have the chance to observe this up close as our butterfly kits are on their way. We can't wait to see the full lifecycle unfold — from tiny caterpillars to chrysalises to butterflies ready to take flight.

Arbor Communication

You may have noticed receiving email or text communication from Arbor instead of ParentMail. We are moving to communication through Arbor, however you may have to add Arbor as a safe sender for your email. Please check your junk folder for any emails from Arbor which are from Kintore Way and add it as a safe sender so that all future emails go straight through to your inbox. If you need any help with this, please speak to the office.

Dates for your diary

**Summer Half Term
25th-29th May 2026**

**Children Return to Nursery.
Monday 1st June 2026**

**Parent Conference Day
Friday 10th July 2026**

**Last day of school
Friday 17th July**

**Staff Inset Training Day
20th July 2026**

Primary School Transitions



Families should have received information about their child's new school. Let us know if you have not had a confirmation. If you have any open days booked to visit your child's new school, do inform our school office and your child's class team. We will have visits from some of the children's new schools to meet the children in their nursery environment. We will further support the children's transitions by talking to them about their new schools.

Everyone at Kintore Way

wishes you a

Fantastic Half Term!

