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This term, Reception have been enjoying Forest School-type sessions. We have been building dens, going on scavenger hunts to find different insects, taking part in nature crafts, using wheelbarrows, mixing in the mud kitchens and playing Forest School games.



We have been looking after our vegetable patch well by watering it everyday. We have watched the plants shoot and grow lots. We have had many discussions about how some vegetables grow underground and we can only see the leaves or tops, like carrots and potatoes. The children are looking forward to pulling up our potatoes, carrots, radishes, as well as picking our courgettes, peppers and beans.

We have loved learning about Pentecost this half term. We let a balloon float into the sky to represent Jesus ascending to heaven. Then, some of us pretended to be the fire and the wind and walked between the disciples to represent the Holy Spirit visiting.



In PE this half term, we have been lucky to have sessions run by our PE specialist Mr Hurd. We have been busy working on our balance skills, ball control, and working as a pair, taking turns with one another.



Wow, what a busy half term we have had, working and playing hard!

In English, we have read so many fantastic books over the course of this half term. We loved 'William Bee's Things that go and The Train Ride. We used these to learn about trains and transport from around the world and wrote some fantastic facts about transport, trying to independently use our phonics to write.

In PSHE, we have learnt about how to deal with our feelings when things don't go our way and we feel disappointed. We talked about calming-down techniques, such as slow breathing, taking time on our own, reading a book, or having a hug with our family. We also read a story about telling lies and discussed why we should always tell the truth and how lying can sometimes get us into trouble.

In RE, we have also learnt that we are one community, with many different faiths and that we can all talk about this together.

Finally, we are learning a French children's song called Les Petites Marionnettes, which we are practising to send to the children we have written to in a French Reception class in Calais. The French class are also preparing their song, which they have learnt in English, to send to us.