

KINGSWAY INFANT SCHOOL

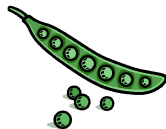
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This term we began by showing the children the types of tools that they would be using in the garden, and warned of the dangers of not using them correctly.



We grubbed up the spent plants from the pots outside the school office, revived the soil with 'Blood Fish and Bone' and replanted with spring bulbs.

The children were taught about, and discussed, the different parts of plants that we eat. Stalks, seeds, roots etc. - celery, peas and carrots.

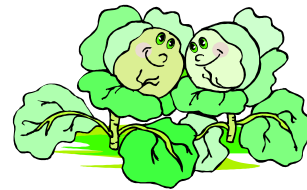


We pruned the blackcurrant bushes, with everyone having a go with the secateurs - under close supervision!



Broad bean seeds were sown in fibre pots, in the classroom, and later transplanted into the garden to overwinter.

Brassicas were planted in the garden, and lime was added to the soil to stop it becoming too acid. They were then covered with netting to protect them from the birds.



The children were shown how to take cuttings to reproduce plants. Everyone took a cutting, trimmed it, dipped it in rooting powder and planted it in a pot.

We regularly stressed the importance of washing hands thoroughly after gardening!



At the last meeting all the children took home a hyacinth bulb to plant in their garden or a pot and a small notebook to record the progress of the bulb during the winter.



Like most gardens, the club will now lie dormant, before emerging next spring - raring to go!

Pete Wheeler