

### Butterfly Learning Focus Share Summer 3

We can't quite believe that the last half term of this school year is upon us! As ever, it will be a fun-filled half term full of exciting learning opportunities and enjoyment and hopefully some sunshine. The children have been very busy using one to one correspondence and being able to say how many they had 'altogether', as well as learning, using and understanding maths words like 'more' and 'less'. Some of our fantastic maths learning has also been about making a repeated pattern and being able to talk about what they see.



The children have listened to the traditional story of Jack and the Beanstalk and have thoroughly enjoyed the learning that has taken place which has been based on this story. One of the many learning opportunities they have had was being busy painting and painting their own beanstalks with brushes. They also used other printing techniques and different textures, such as using conkers with different shades of green. This has really supported the children's fine motor skills and continues to develop those hand and arm muscles!



We have had some brilliant new wooden ladders for the children to play with and they have loved climbing in them, up them, over them and through them! The skills that the children have developed by using these resources have been excellent to see, as they negotiate how much of a risk to take when balancing with these ladders. One child commented "We have to balance our bodies when we climb up the ladders"





The children have had lots of exciting learning indoors and outdoors over the last few weeks. In the outdoor learning area, the children have been busy in Forest Schools as they have been bug and footprint hunting, painting, making obstacle courses and finding joy in their learning and play. Indoors they have loved making play-dough lavender cakes and practising hand/eye co-ordination with painting and scissor control. All the children have taken part in lots of opportunities to learn through play and develop their speech and language skills.



The children who stay for lunch have continued to be encouraged and praised for using metal cutlery independently and confidently. They delight in using the cutlery and all enjoy the calming atmosphere with the decorated tables in Willow Room.