



Curriculum Newsletter

Summer 1 2023



This half term in Southsea Castle

Our Big Questions

How important are scientific forces in our every day lives?

What impact can growing plants have on a community?

Our first project consisted of different STEM challenges focusing on forces and magnets. The class showed their scientific understanding through practical and crafty challenges from building boats that float and bridges from newspaper to creating and testing areoplanes, helicopters and parachutes. They even used spaghetti and marshmallows to build structures.

The class settled into Southsea Castle well and began to work as a team, enjoying playing Uno together.

We continued our learning by focusing on plants and growing. We looked at books called 'The Tin Forest' and 'Invisible' and discuss themes from within the book such as looking after the world around us, caring for each and having dreams.

We planted sunflowers and beans ourselves, we learnt about the structure of a plant when dissecting a plant. We learnt about photosynthesis and how important this is for plants and us as humans.

The project also focused on our personal growth. We talked about our dreams and explored what qualities we have that make us, us.



I have enjoyed the growing unit! I liked planting the flowers.

Family Support Resources

If there are any families who would like to find out more information about food banks and how families can access support with the cost of living crisis, please contact Ella Adams.

We have explored making spaghetti towers with marshmallows- you could make one at home.

There are games around photosynthesis that can be found here:

<https://wordwall.net/en-gb/community/photosynthesis-game>

Meet the team

Hello, I am Jess



I am Southsea Castle's teacher. I love to be creative and enjoy reading. It has been great to get to know all the children in Southsea Castle this half term.

Hello I'm Ella



I support Southsea Castle. I have learnt lots about the children. It has been amazing to get to know them. I am looking forward to the rest of the year.

The Wymering school is the best school. I like the teachers here there really nice.

