

## Involving Parents and Carers

This week we have been talking about growing up and change. We went for a walk around the school and looked at the trees, plants and flowers within our school environment. We took leaf rubbings and talked about the changes from autumn leaves to the green leaves in the summer. The children noticed how the sunflowers had changed (grown). They used vocabulary like: They are taller, it is nearly as tall as me, it was little and now it is getting bigger and bigger.

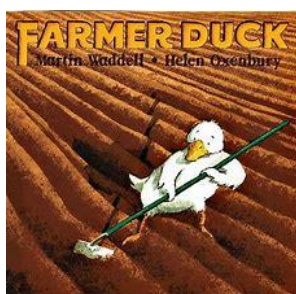
This week also saw a big change for all of the caterpillars. How have they changed? Ask your child what has happened? (The butterflies have hatched)



We watched a video of the life cycle of a butterfly <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3kZD6rISLUw>

In PSHE we have been talking about growing up and thinking about how they have changed. We read a book called 'Once There Were Giants' [Once There Were GIANTS - Bing video](#)

We looked back at some pictures from when they started in nursery and compared what they have learnt to do this year. Next week we will be thinking about moving on to Reception (for some) and will be visiting the classrooms. The children are familiar with the adults as they see them regularly.



In Literacy we have been reading Farmer Duck by Martin Waddell and Helen Oxenbury

We introduced new vocabulary as we read through the book. E.g. lazy, fetched, sleepy, tired, weepy, plan, dawn, still, creaked, squeezed, wriggled, wearily. We made links e.g. sometimes I get weepy when I'm sad. My dog fetched his ball when I threw it for him. I remember when I tried to squeeze through the tunnel. I had to stretch out my body. To develop children's understanding of the story we asked questions e.g. how do you think the duck is feeling? Tired, weepy, sleepy, fed up.

Why? Because he was doing all the work in all kinds of weather. Why did the animals get upset? Who helped the duck? Why? Because they loved him. He is their friend. Why do you think the animals are happy at the end of the story?

[Farmer Duck - CBeebies - BBC](#)

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