

Outdoor Learning 17th April 2023

In the Garden



Do you know your lesser celandine from your buttercup?

How many differences can you spot?



The field at Shalfleet was covered in spring blossom this week, so we learnt about them by looking for dandelions, daisies, lesser celandine and dead nettle to create some wonderful artwork. You can have a look at our gallery here: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1-1hFv34vJfJ53i2xinaZubH-pGXvaorg?usp=share_link



It's good to know which plants are OK to pick, but important to remember to check before you do. Even pretty flowers can make you poorly so we never eat them and always wash our hands after handling them. We know that some plants are poisonous or toxic and we are learning to recognize them. Lords and Ladies is a plant with a lily shaped flower and tempting red berries that grows everywhere but don't pick it! All parts of it can be harmful.



The weather was perfect for getting all those early weeds out of our vegetable beds so we got busy with our forks and trowels.





Along the way we found some monster worms, centipedes, spiders, snails and some other grubs that will probably grow into beetles.



We have planted some potatoes which should be ready just before the summer holidays, got some seeds underway in the greenhouse at Shalfleet and have given Miss Gates a list of the vegetables we would like to grow!



At Freshwater & Yarmouth School, we had an amazing new mud kitchen to try out. Thank you Ric for doing such an amazing job - we promise it will get a lot of use!



If you would like to get involved with developing our garden spaces, we will be holding some family gardening events in the next few weeks.



Watch out for more information via dojo.

Please email Miss Gates at outdoorleader@fosay.co.uk if you have any skills or materials you would like to contribute.