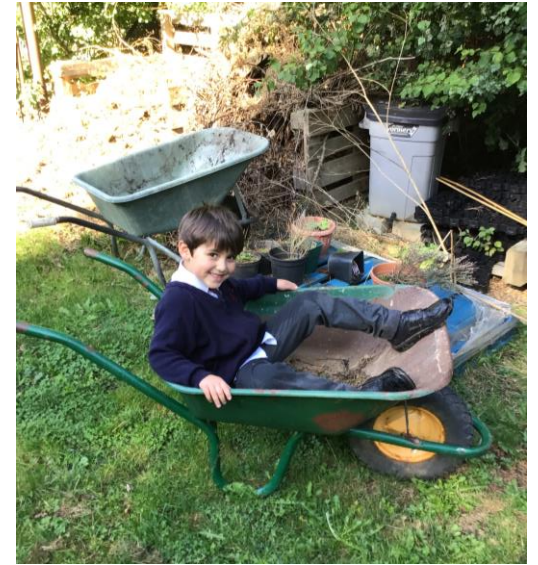


Hever Keen Beans Gardening Club

September - October 2023



Seed Identification, harvesting and saving



Seed harvesting



Seed heads from sunflowers, cornflowers, calendula, marigold, cosmos and sweet peas were harvested. The children carefully collected all the seeds so they can be used for next year.

Taking cuttings and harvesting produce!



As well as taking cuttings from rosemary plants, the strawberry runners from the veg bed were separated from the main plants and potted up. This will enable us to have a massive plot for next year (hopefully we will get to try some as the ripe strawberries kept mysteriously disappearing this year!).

The Hever Keen Beans were very excited to take their produce to the school kitchen to give to Chef Asye.

Willow stars

Strips of willow were cut from the willow tunnels on the playground. Children stripped off all the leaves and then bent the willow into star shapes using a template. It was quite tricky as the willow was very springy but some beautiful stars were made. These could then be dried as decorations or planted in the garden!



Building a hedgehog house and creating a wildlife highway



Seed bombs, bulb planting and conker decorating

Newspaper was torn into strips and soaked in water. The children then moulded it into a flat shape and pressed in a mixture of seeds they had harvested, more wet newspaper was added, shaped into balls and left to dry.





Bird feeders

- The children loved mixing together lard and bird seed; they then pressed this mixture into yoghurt pots that they had previously tied string to. The pots were put into the fridge to harden the mixture before they could be hung outside for the birds.