## We Are Gardeners

We have had such a great two weeks exploring plants, gardening and all things green fingered! The children have become so excited about planting and growing their own flowers, cress and vegetables too! The children have created their own garden centre in the mud kitchen, become greengrocers in the role play, painted pictures of different types of plants, become garden designers, learnt about allotment gardening and different types of plants from around the world. We have watched lots of David Attenborough video clips and the children were especially amazed to learn that some plants do amazing things like eating insects, defending themselves against predators using spikes or travelling across the desert looking for water! We have made models of plants in the workshop, written instructions for how to care for plants and made warning signs for our cacti table as well! The highlight of our week was having a visit from a real life tractor with a great talk about how crops are grown. The children were so excited to draw, paint and build tractors when we got back to class as it was such an inspiring visit! What a week! Well done everyone!

## Next week's Big Idea and Big Challenge

Next week we will be talking to the children about their local area, the buildings and places that they visit, learning about addresses and houses, making maps of Littleport and learning about what Littleport was like a long time ago. Why not talk to your child about where you live? Do they know what number house they live at and what their street is called? Maybe you could go on a walk and draw some pictures of the places that you see! We would love for the children to bring in some photos of their house, street and if you have lived in Littleport for a long time, it would be great to see some old pictures of the area too! Maybe you could talk to your child about what Littleport used to be like when you were little or if you have recently moved into the area, you could talk about the similarities and differences between the two places. After looking closely at our local area, we will move on to comparing Littleport to larger cities such as London.

Have fun exploring and learning!

