



Summer 1 Curriculum Newsletter 2017

COMMUNICATION, LANGUAGE AND LITERACY

The children will listen to a variety of stories and be encouraged to describe settings, events and characters. We will be looking at books such as, 'Jasper's Beanstalk', 'The Hungry Caterpillar' and 'A Sunflower's Life'. The children will be encouraged to continue to listen and follow instructions, interact with others and take turns in conversations.



PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The children will increase their independence in carrying out selected activities. Emphasis will be placed on the importance of looking after each other and the plants and creatures they find in the outdoor area. To develop their confidence the children will be encouraged to express their needs and feelings.



UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

The children will observe and comment on what they see such as insects and plants. They will talk about what a plant needs to grow. The children will plant seeds and observe them as they grow and change. There will be digging equipment and minibeast collection pots for the children to use in the garden. Magnifying glasses are always available to encourage closer observations.

LITERACY

This term we will be reading stories and non-fiction books about plants, animals and the world around us. The children will be encouraged to talk about the marks that they are making and see in different places. They will continue to follow Letters & Sounds and play a variety of listening games.



EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND DESIGN

We will be learning to create movements in response to music, explore the sounds we can make using a variety of instruments and attempt to tap out simple rhythms. The children will be using a variety of textures in their creations and will be encouraged to describe these textures. They will be encouraged to develop their imaginations in our role-play area.

MATHEMATICS

We will continue to develop the children's skills in number recognition and encourage them to select the correct numeral to represent up to 10 objects. We will encourage our children to discuss length or height when comparing the plants we have grown. They will continue to have access to practical and hands on activities to develop their awareness of shape and space.



PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

Our children will take part in planned physical sessions, which will encourage sharing and using large equipment safely. They will be encouraged to mark make and look at the shape of objects and letters. As always, hygiene is taught through discussion and demonstration, for example handwashing after playing outdoors, before snack and following toileting.