



Specific Areas of Learning

Mathematics

- Number bonds to 10
- Doubles
- Measuring and comparing bean plants
- Building and identifying numbers to 20
- Counting patterns
- Spatial reasoning
- Days of the Week
- Money
- Butterfly symmetry
- Ordering life cycles using time language

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Free flow choosing time within a planned Early Years Environment provides children with opportunities to develop self-confidence, their sense of self and begin to make established friendships within their class group. Children will make independent choices about their learning by carefully selecting resources both on their own and with others, which will enable them to use and apply their knowledge of the world around them, subsequently leading to a greater level of understanding. Children will converse with one another, negotiate, take turns, learn about each other's feelings, and begin to understand how their actions can affect these.

Prime Areas of Learning

Topic Title:

How does your garden grow?



Physical Development

Weekly Physical Education lessons

Outdoor Environment - Trim trail, bikes and scooters, mud kitchen, den building, large scale construction resources

Sensory/Fine Motor Skills - Developing muscle tone and hand-eye co-ordination.

Use correct pencil grip Experience and explore different textures.

- Funky Finger sessions
- Tuft tray activities

Communication & Language

- Talk Partners provide regular opportunities for children to converse, discuss and peer assess their learning
- Free-flow choosing time promotes an expanse of communication – listening, talking, responding, understanding
- Weekly **Spanish lessons**
- Daily phonics teaching, including the introduction and discussion of new vocabulary

Expressive Arts & Design

- Growing a variety of plants – beans, cress, sunflowers
- Make a bird feeder
- Patterns of animals
- Egg box caterpillar
- Garden centre role play
- Sensory and texture play – clay, playdough
- Making a crown for the Coronation of King Charles III
- Icing cakes and biscuits for a Coronation Tea Party

Literacy

Fiction

- The Very Hungry Caterpillar – Eric Carle
- The Extraordinary Gardener – Sam Boughton
- Oliver's Vegetables – Vivian French
- Jasper's Beanstalk – Nick Butterworth & Mick Inkpen
- Grandpa's Garden – Stella Fry

Non-fiction

- Seed to Plant – National Geographic

Big Writing – sentence structure, punctuation, letter formation and size.

Phonics

Little Wandle: Phase 4 CVC
CVVC, short vowel, long vowel, tricky words, segmenting and blending.

Literacy ideas may include:

- Keeping a Bean Diary
- Labelling a Life cycle
- Writing about Caterpillars/Butterflies
- Writing about the Coronation of King Charles III

Understanding the World

- What do plants need to grow?
- Parts of a plant
- Importance of plants and trees in our environment
- Earth Day
- Lifecycles
- Healthy Eating – growing fruits and vegetables
- Coronation of King Charles III