

Communication and Language

Daily carpet time as a whole class and further opportunities in small groups will help the children listen for longer periods of time, taking into account what others have said. Children will be encouraged to share their ideas and understanding through expanded sentences using and, because and but.

Literacy

The children have already been enjoying the themed topic books around the classroom based on spring and growing. We have read 'The Tiny Seed' by Eric Carle and will use this fiction book to make links to non fiction books to explore life cycles. The children will learn about labels, captions and instructions. Later in the half term we will be reading 'Jasper's Beanstalk' by Nick Butterworth.

Mathematics

Recognising, writing and using numbers to 20 is really key to many of the children this term. We will move onto counting to 100 using a 100 square and counting in 10's to 100. The children will be encouraged to find patterns and understand how a 100 square and a number line work.

Physical Development

PE lessons will continue to focus on listening and instructions during paired and small group games with ball skills. Yoga and dance will be themed around growing.

Our Summer 1 Topic is: Growing and Life Cycles.

Understanding the World

There will be a focus on life cycles of the seeds we plant and how they develop into a plant. By looking at the season of Spring the children will investigate how living things change over time.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development.

We will be focusing on looking after the environment around them with a focus on looking after living things, showing care and concern for others - plants and animals.

Of course circle time and play to learn sessions during the day will develop the children's relationships and skills of sharing and finding solutions.



Expressive Arts and Design

The children will play a part in developing a garden centre role play area as we learn and play together.

They will be looking at patterns including the symmetry of a butterfly.