

Let's Grow

Big Question

How and why do things grow?

Communication and Language and Literacy:

Developing vocabulary linked to the topic and encourage language for thinking - talking about what is happening and trying to make causal links.

Listening to and discussing the events in stories about growth and change.

Learning about and using non-fiction (finding out) books linked to the topic.

We will continue to develop letter formation and writing to communicate meaning. In phonics we will continue with oral blending and segmenting and blending independently. We will promote a love of reading and the children will bring home books of their choice to share with you.



Expressive Arts and Design:

Using natural materials to make paints, mixing colours in the rain, stone/pebble art, making bunting, recycling art, wind chimes, spinners, kites, leaf art, fairy houses, jewellery using natural materials, making cress gardens, observational paintings and collage of the great outdoors and role-playing in our 'campsite'.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

Working as part of a group, taking turns and sharing fairly.

Caring for plants and living things within the environment.

Thinking about how the children have changed and the things they can do now which they couldn't do before.

Caring for the world around us. Developing a sense of wonder about our natural world.

Key Texts:

- Jack and the Beanstalk
- Jasper's Beanstalk
- Sam's Seeds
- A Seed in Need
- The Very Hungry Caterpillar
- The Very Busy Spider
- The Trouble with Tadpole



Mathematics:

Comparing the heights of plants, and compare the heights of the children with each other and with adults.

Comparing heavy and light objects.

Counting petals, legs on insects, fruit, leaves etc. and use the vocabulary of more than/ less than. 3D shapes in the environment.

Symmetry linked to butterflies and make symmetrical patterns.

Simple vocabulary linked to addition and subtraction - use natural found objects help with addition and subtraction.

Physical Development:

Practise making and writing our names using paints, sticks and natural materials.

Develop fine motor skills - cutting, sprinkling seeds, watering plants.

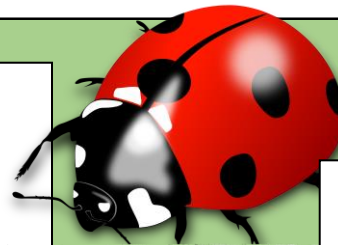
We will practise throwing and catching use bean bags and balls.

We will learn to move in different ways, over and around obstacle courses.

Activities will include den building, large scale weaving using a variety of materials. Simple team games/relay races.

Making water runways.

Creating homes for minibeasts using natural objects such as twigs, grass, leaves etc. Various forest based activities such as climbing and challenging themselves.



Understanding the World:

Growing seeds, plants and vegetables and learning what they need to make them grow. Cooking and eating what we have grown.

Investigating different minibeasts such as snails and bees. and finding out about the life cycle of frogs and butterflies. Activities will include observing caterpillars and tadpoles growing, bug hunts and making bug hotels.

