

Summer 1

Communication and Language - This half term the children will begin to develop their attention and concentration by listening to further instructions whilst busy on a task. For example, when planting seeds or weeding, extra information will be given. They will begin to understand **how, why** and **where** questions. They will be encouraged to talk about their experiences and feelings and recount some of their activities outside school. In our topic work, we will be encouraging the children to ask questions and helping them to find out more about the things that interest them.

Literacy - We will be reading a range of books about planting and growing and about caring for the environment. We will continue to build on our knowledge of letter sounds and familiar words to write independently, both in our play and in structured tasks. We will be working on letter formation, focusing on starting in the right place and using the correct direction of movement. As we begin to write longer phrases and sentences, we will be starting to leave spaces between words and introducing the idea of using a full stop to finish a sentence.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development - Our focus will be for the children to know and talk about living in the wider world, including economic wellbeing and knowing what money is. Please talk to your child about money and how you earn it. Introduce them to coins and help them to practice counting out money and paying for items when you are shopping. Also, encourage them to look at price labels.



Mathematics - We will progress from counting to ten, moving on to 20, and beyond. We will continue to look at the composition of numbers, combining groups of numbers, adding more taking away, and exploring number bonds to ten. We'll use tens frames and part whole models to help us with our understanding. We will also learn about spatial awareness providing opportunities for the children to build and draw shapes.

Physical Development— Mr Dutton will continue to work with the children on their fundamental movement skills through ball skills. They will practise to control, roll and kick. In continuous provision, the children have the opportunity to demonstrate their strength and co-ordination when climbing on the jungle gym, the ship and the pedal bikes. We will also be gardening and having free play to run, jump, dance, hop and skip!

Understanding of the World—We will look at simple maps to find out more about our local area and the people who live in it. We will make our own maps and explore our school grounds, thinking of ways to care for the plants and animals within them as well as looking after our reception garden. We will be learning about the life cycle of different creatures and doing some careful drawing and observations. Linked to this, we will be thinking about what makes our world so special and looking at creation stories from the Jewish, Christian and Islamic faiths.

Expressive Art and Design— This half term we will be using our drawing skills. We will create observational drawings of flowers and nature. In our music lessons we will be using music to tell stories and express feelings.