

Early Years Spring 1 Curriculum Map



Growth



This half term we are learning about *Growth* in Literacy, we are going to explore flowers and plants growing, we will look at growing our own plants and learn about what a plant needs to survive.



Prime Areas



Communication and Language

The children will be working on listening to others in different situations and times throughout the day; when reading together, as talking partners and when participating in group work.

We will be working on 'I think, I see, I wonder', where we look at different pictures and comment on what we can see, think and wonder this will develop our communication skills and help gain confidence expressing ideas and thoughts.

During this term there will be a big focus on using the new vocabulary we are learning. We will be working on using speech to organise, sequence and clarify thinking, feelings and ideas.

Personal, Social and Emotional

As part of our PSE sessions, the children will be learning about how to be a good friend and enjoy healthy relationships.

We will be thinking lots about how to be kind and helpful to each other and that we can change our behaviour in different situations, thinking about how our words and actions affect others. We will work on how we play alongside others, taking into consideration others' ideas and working on turn taking.

We will continue to develop our confidence to speak in a familiar group, talking about our ideas.

Physical

We will continue to develop our fine motor skills in lots of ways and work on our control of scissors and writing tools.

We have weekly PE sessions on a Friday afternoon, this term we are focusing on Dance. This will help us to work on negotiating space, moving freely and experimenting with different ways of moving.

During this half term Reception will have a big focus on letter formation to help develop those essential writing skills. Preschool will have a big focus on copying letters from their name. Please find RWI letter formation rhyme sheet at the bottom of this document to support correct letter formation at home.

Reading

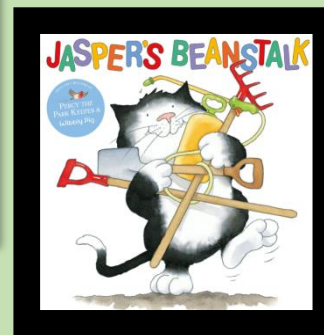
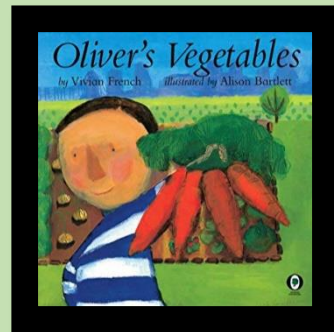
In Literacy we will be looking at texts 'Jaspers Beanstalk' and 'Oliver's Vegetables'.

We will be using different books to retrieve information about growth. We will read a number of other books relating to our topic such as A tiny seed, Sam plants a sunflower, The enormous turnip and Ten seeds.

Your child will have a reading book which they read with a teacher once a week, that goes home to read with an adult.

Specific Areas

Literacy

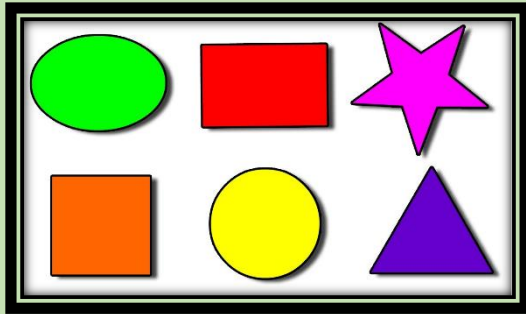


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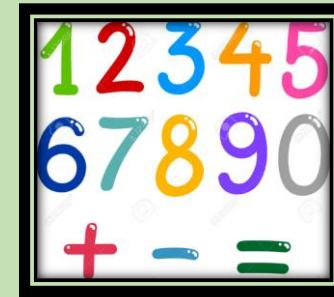
The children will have various opportunities to write within different lessons and continuous provision activities.

Reception children are working on letter formation when captioning pictures and writing short sentences. We will be working on using finger spaces and full stops within our writing.

Pre-school children are working on pencil control when drawing pictures and name writing.



Maths



In Maths this term, pre-school children will be continuing singing number songs, reciting numbers and sorting objects into categories.

Reception children will be continuing on our White Rose Maths journey to practise counting to 20, recognising and ordering numbers. We will continue to practise writing numbers 0-9. We will be working on recognising and pairing objects, comparing numbers to 10 and number bonds to 10.

We will be learning the names of basic 2D shapes and how to describe them, we will look for shapes in the environment.

Expressive Arts and Design

Within Art and DT, we will be learning all about mini beasts, we will learn what is a mini beast, where they live and what they look like.

We will be exploring colour through designing and decorating different mini-beasts.



Understanding the world

In Science we will be learning about the lifecycle of a butterfly and the lifecycle of a frog.

