

Stories and Songs:

This term our learning will focus on exploring the wonderful world of gardens, plants, flowers and mini-beasts. Pupils will take part in a range of practical, sensory and outdoor experiences designed to develop communication, independence, creativity and curiosity.

Learning will be highly interactive and linked to real-life experiences both in school and outdoors

We will be sharing a variety of garden-themed stories including *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and *In My Garden*. Through sensory storytelling, songs, rhymes and role play, pupils will develop attention, listening skills, communication and understanding of key vocabulary linked to our topic. We will also enjoy action songs and Makaton-supported songs throughout the term.

Literacy and Phonics:

In Phonics we will continue to work in separate groups where pupils will practise their sounds, recognise and identify sounds within choices, and practise writing on a daily basis. Other groups will also be reading blending books and writing some short, familiar words.

In Literacy, pupils will explore stories through sensory experiences, character recognition, sequencing activities and communication games. We will focus on developing vocabulary, making choices, answering simple questions and communicating ideas using speech, symbols, Makaton and AAC. Pupils will be encouraged to engage with books and develop a love of reading through fun and meaningful activities.

Problem solving and reasoning:

In Maths, we will explore position and direction, number and place value, and measurement and time. Pupils will take part in practical activities such as counting flowers and leaves, following obstacle courses, comparing sizes of natural objects and observing changes over time in the garden. Learning will be hands-on, visual and linked to real-life experiences.

In the Garden: Blooming and Buzzing

Toucan Class



How you can help at home:

- Read stories together regularly and talk about the pictures.
- Encourage your child to notice flowers, trees, insects and other features of nature when out and about.
- Practise counting everyday objects such as toys, snacks or steps.
- Look for numbers and letters in the environment.
- Encourage your child to make choices and communicate preferences.
- Sing nursery rhymes, action songs and favourite songs together.
- Visit local parks or gardens and talk about what you can see.
- Encourage independence with simple tasks such as tidying away toys or helping prepare snacks.
- Practise using key vocabulary from our topic such as flower, leaf, bug, garden and grow.
- Celebrate your child's achievements and share any special interests or experiences related to our topic with the class.

Other Curriculum areas:

Outdoor day: Every Friday we will take our learning outdoors. Pupils will practise phonics, maths and science skills through practical and engaging outdoor activities. We will explore the school grounds, investigate nature, take part in scavenger hunts and apply classroom learning in meaningful real-life contexts. We will also come together for our Phase 1 Outdoor Assembly, where we will learn a Makaton Sign of the Week, enjoy relaxation activities and celebrate our Stars of the Week.

Science: Our Science learning will focus on exploring the garden environment, plants, flowers, mini-beasts, habitats and life cycles. Pupils will investigate the natural world through observation, exploration and sensory activities. We will develop early scientific enquiry skills by asking questions, noticing changes and making discoveries both indoors and outdoors.

DT: Pupils will explore food preparation and simple cooking activities linked to the garden theme. We will make sandwiches and fruit smoothies, investigate ingredients through sensory exploration and develop independence by following simple recipes. Pupils will be encouraged to make choices, communicate preferences and evaluate their finished products.

Art: In Art, pupils will create artwork inspired by nature and the garden environment. Activities will include flower painting, leaf printing, mini-beast art, nature collages, butterfly symmetry painting and garden suncatchers. Pupils will explore a variety of materials, colours and textures whilst developing creativity and fine motor skills.

Careers: Our Careers learning will focus on volunteering and helping our school community. Pupils will take part in activities such as litter picking, cleaning outdoor equipment, tidying shared spaces and helping maintain our outdoor learning areas. These experiences will help develop responsibility, teamwork, independence and pride in contributing to the school environment.

Highlights

Trips to Aldi, the park and Radley farm

Wednesday 17th June - Sports Day

Monday 6th July - Pentathlon

Wednesday 8th July Parents Evening

Tuesday 14th July - Colour Run

Friday 17th July - End of term