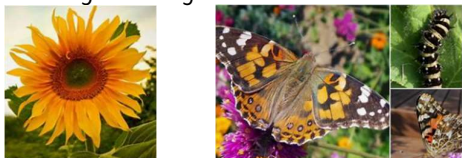


Understanding the World

We will plant sunflower and cress seeds and watch them grow. We will learn to name the parts of a plant. We will grow a variety of plants in our outdoor area to attract bees and butterflies and also grow some vegetables. We will have fun creating our very own Garden Centre too!



We will explore life cycles. We will watch the miracle of metamorphosis up close and see caterpillars change into chrysalides then emerge as beautiful Painted Lady butterflies. In R.E. we will be thinking about Bible stories from the Old Testament.

Our curriculum is based on the 7 areas of learning in the Early Years Foundation Stage. The children will learn through our Continuous Provision (Discovery Time) in the classroom, outdoor area and garden and also through adult lead activities.

Please bring a named **water bottle**, **sun hat**, waterproof **coat** (depending on weather) and **bookbag** to school every day.

Please have wellies in school for our outdoor **Welly Wednesday** activities.

Please bring in a **PE kit** which will be kept in school and sent home every half term holiday. We will have PE every **Thursday** with Mr Croucher, our Sports Coach.

Phonics and Reading



In our phonic groups we will continue to learn 'Special Friends' set 1 and set 2 sounds. We will read green words with 'Fred Talk – read the word'. We will also read tricky red words.

Reading at home

The children will continue to bring home ditty sheets or reading books to read at home. Please hear your children read regularly as this really makes a difference to reading skills and confidence. Please write in your child's yellow reading record when they read at home.

They will also bring home a fiction or non-fiction 'sharing book' each week for you to enjoy together.

Communication & Language and Literacy

We will re-tell the story of The Tiny Seed and describe the seed's journey through the seasons. We will learn to describe story characters and sequence events.



We will use 'Fred Fingers, Pinch the Sounds' to write new words with the set 1 and 2 sounds we know. We will learn to write phrases using picture prompts. We will continue to work on correct letter formation using the RWI rhymes.

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Look out for photos on Seesaw of our wonderful learning!

Expressive Arts and Design

We will create 3D models with boxes and playdoh and explore different ways to join materials when junk modelling. We will encourage children to share their creations and talk about the process they have used. We will create our own sunflower paintings inspired by Vincent Van Gogh and also explore vegetable printing.



We will sing songs about the Hungry Caterpillar and The Tiny Seed and play instruments along to the music.

Mathematical Development

We will explore and represent patterns within numbers up to 10, including evens and odds and double facts.

We will practise counting accurately by pointing to each object with counting wand sticks. We will explore how to show amounts in different ways on tens frames.

We will also explore symmetry and shape through butterfly printing.

Physical Development

We will develop small motor skills with funky finger activities and hold a pencil effectively. We will use a range of small tools, including scissors, paintbrushes and tweezers.

We will move energetically in different ways such as running, jumping, hopping, skipping and climbing. We will develop our balance skills on the bikes, scooters and skateboards.

Social and Emotional Development

We will be thinking about relationships in our Jigsaw sessions. We will be learning about what makes a good friend and how we can make new friends.

We will talk about how we can express our own feelings and consider the feelings of others.

We will focus on playing co-operatively and taking turns with others.

