

## Our theme for Summer one is:

### Overview

Our theme this half term is 'Let's Grow' We will be exploring a range of key texts linked to growth and change. The children will be linking their learning to these texts each week and we will start our topic off with the exploration of Jack and the Beanstalk and some wonderful bean planting. Other texts will include; The hungry Caterpillar, Oliver's Vegetables, Supertato, Titch and The Extraordinary Gardener.

### Mathematics

We will continue to develop our counting skills, moving onto 'building numbers to 20'. We will be learning about money and addition using money in our Taylors Green Grocers. We will be looking at time and seasons and how things grow, change and decay over time.

### Literacy

In literacy we will be retelling, sequencing and writing about our key texts each week. The children will be encouraged to write across all areas of their learning by labelling their work and writing about their experiences. We will continue our daily phonics activities of reading, spelling and writing.

### Expressive arts and design

Children will be offered the opportunity to learn new songs based around our topic. The children will be encouraged to apply what they have learnt about different media and materials to create their own artwork, models and artistic representations. We will be exploring lots of wonderful stories and the children will be given opportunities to explore them in our role play and small world areas.



### Communication and language

Through continuous provision inside and outside the classroom, we will be finding own ways to solve problems, express our interests and work as a part of a team. We will continue our daily 'Circle time' with a focus on new vocabulary, our weekly big question and rhyming and rhythmic activities.

### Understanding the world

The children will be making lots of observations of how things grow, change and decay over time. We will have weekly experiments and will be observing how our beans grow over the course of this half term. The children will have access to our gadgets and gizmos station and purple mash, encouraging them to use age appropriate computer software.

### Personal, social and emotional development

We will continue to use 'The Colour Monster' as a tool for expressing our emotions and to talk about how our emotions can impact others. We will be celebrating our success with our peers weekly and reading work aloud, learning to share in the success of others. We will continue our circle time discussions, encouraging children to participate and share their experiences. We will also look at choices and activities that can help us to flourish and shine physically, emotionally and mentally.

### Physical development

In PE this half-term we will be continuing to develop our skills in negotiating space and coordination of our small and large movements. We will continue to develop our fine motor skills in our daily funky finger activities. We will also be learning about the things we need to keep healthy and to help us grow. We will look at different types of food that is good for our bodies and helps our bodies to grow.