

Our theme for Summer 1 is:

Overview

This half term we will be continuing with our theme of 'Let's Grow' We will be exploring a range of key texts linked to growth, nature and life cycles. The children will have a focus story each week and we will start our topic off with the exploration of a familiar story, 'Jack and the beanstalk'. This will give the children the opportunity to plant beans that they will observe growing throughout this half term. We will then move onto stories focusing on life cycles, flowers and the beauty in the world around us. We will also be learning more about how we change and grow as humans too.

Personal, social and emotional development

We will continue with our My Happy Mind lessons, moving on to our next module, 'Relate'. This module focuses on how we relate to others and explores what makes a good friend and active listening skills. We will be focusing on the perspectives and feelings of others this half term as well as recognising our own feelings and talking about them.

Physical development

In PE this half-term we will be developing our ball skills. and we will also continue with our weekly Tennis lessons. We will continue to develop our fine motor skills in our daily funky finger activities. We will also continue learning about the things we need to keep healthy and to help us grow. We will look at different things that are good for our bodies and supports growth.

Expressive arts and design

Children will be offered the opportunity to learn new songs based around our topic as well as learning songs for our summer church service and class assembly. The children will be given lots of opportunities to explore our role play 'Garden Centre' and small world area, as well as our creation station which is filled with materials to create models and crafts of their own design. We will also be doing more observational art work of objects, animals and famous paintings this half term.



Mathematics

We will be deepening our understanding of the composition of numbers up to 8 this half term. The children will continue to strengthen their counting skills and will be given lots of opportunities to order, match and compare numbers in a variety of practical ways.

We will then be moving onto learning our doubles and comparing odd and even numbers. We will also be continuing to explore shape, space and measure across the curriculum including symmetrical patterns.

Understanding the world

The children will continue with making lots of observations of how things grow, change and decay over time. We will use a range of new vocabulary to discuss our observations and our stories each week. In RE we will be exploring the Big Question: What ceremonies and festivals have you taken part in? We will be exploring why and how Hindus celebrate Holi and also learning about Baptism around the world and other ceremonies and festivals.

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. We will also be writing our observations weekly of how our bean plants and class caterpillars have changed.

Our key texts will include, 'Jack and the Beanstalk', 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar', 'The Butterfly Bouquet', 'Tad' and 'Katie and the Sunflowers'.

Communication and language

Through continuous provision, we will be finding our own ways to communicate our interests and needs, express our ideas and work as a part of a team. We will continue our weekly 'circle time' with a different focus each week linking to our topic. We will also be exploring sentence building, rhyming activities and a range of 'listen and do' activities to develop our listening and attention.