

## Our theme for Spring Two 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 and linking this to our Spring and Easter explorations. The children will have a focus story each week and we will start our topic off with the exploration of the Lunar New Year and the story of 'The Great Race'. We will also celebrate World Book Day, Mother's Day and British Science Week this half term.

### Personal, social and emotional development

We will continue with our My Happy Mind lessons, moving on to our next module, 'My Happy Mind Places'. This module focuses on helping the children deepen their understanding of emotions and develop effective self-regulation strategies. It empowers children to identify how they are feeling, recognise the impact emotions have on their minds and bodies and apply self-regulation tools to manage their emotions constructively.

### Physical development

In PE this half-term we will be developing our gymnastics 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 be 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 Easter songs for our Easter service. 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 linked to our story each week. The children will be given lots of opportunities to explore our role play and small world areas as well as our creation station. We will also explore lion and dragon dances in our Lunar New Year explorations.



### 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.

### Understanding the world

The children will be 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: Why do Christians put a cross in an Easter garden? We will learn all about the Easter story and will be creating our very own class Easter garden.

### 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. Our key texts will include, 'The Great Race', 'The Oak Tree', 'The Growing Story', 'Pip and the Egg' and 'We're Going on an Egg Hunt.'

### Mathematics

We will be deepening our understanding of the composition of numbers to 5 and the composition of 6 and 7 as 5 and a bit. The children will continue to strengthen their counting skills and will be given lots of opportunities to compare numbers and their composition in a variety of ways.

We will also continue to deepen our understanding of patterns, shape, space and measure this half term. Focusing on Mass and Capacity.