



### Physical Development

We will be focusing on developing the children's fine motor skills by encouraging them to confidently use pencils, scissors and other tools.

The children will be encouraged to develop their gross motor skills through running, climbing, and jumping in our outdoor area. The children will be engaging in team games and learning basic skills of kicking, throwing and catching a ball in their PE lessons.

They will also be taught about good sportsmanship and how to be a team player.



## How does my garden grow?

And

## All creatures great and small

### Spring Term

Monday 6th January- Friday 14th February

Monday 24th February- Friday 28th March

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term, we have a range of topics that we will be addressing during circle time and in our Jigsaw sessions:

How to stand up for yourself in an appropriate manner.

How to persevere when challenges occur.

How to set a goal and work towards it.

How to use kind words and hands.

How to encourage others.

Why exercise, healthy foods and sleep are important.

### Communication and Language

This term we will be encouraging the children to engage in whole class, small group and paired discussion to further develop their speaking and listening skills. The children will be asked to talk about stories they have heard and give their opinion about the topics we are learning. Through our topics, the children will be learning and using a range of vocabulary related to plants and growing and animals. (Please see the "Important vocabulary" section for more detail)..

### The Reception Team

Miss Halpin- Reception 1 Class Teacher

Ms Halley- Reception 1 TA and First Aid Lead

Mrs Mistry- Reception 2 Class Teacher

Mrs Paoli- Reception 2 TA

### Mathematics

In Maths, we will be focusing on the numbers 1-10 in relation to addition.

We will be learning our ordinal numbers and we will be beginning to combine two sets of objects for addition. We will be focussing on learning our number bonds up to 10 and we will be making sure that our number formation is correct.

We will continue to explore patterns and we will be looking at length, height and capacity at an age-appropriate level. We will also be exploring the composition of 2D shapes and we will be learning about 3D shapes.

### Literacy

This term, we will be focusing on forming our letters and numbers correctly. We will also be putting further emphasis on writing on lines.

We will continue to teach phonics at a pace appropriate to your child. We will review Set 1 and move onto Set 2. The children will be encouraged to use their phonics to write labels, captions and simple sentences.

We will continue to teach the children to read at their own pace.



**PE days:** Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Tuesdays- children to come to school in uniform

Wednesdays- children to come to school in PE kit

**Book bags and reading diaries should be sent into school every day. Caps/hats and blazers should be worn daily. Please make sure your child has spare clothing in their backpack at all times as explorative play can get messy!**

### Understanding the world

For our topic 'How does my garden grow?', we will be learning about where food comes from and we will be growing some of our own fruit and vegetables from seeds. We will be looking at how animals and insects can impact the growth of plants and we will be thinking about how we can care for plants.

For our 'All creatures great and small' topic, we will be looking at the following:

Under the sea

Dinosaurs

The life cycle of a caterpillar

The life cycle of a duck

We will also be looking at the celebrations of Ramadan, Eid and Easter.

### Expressive Arts and Design

We will be using a range of art techniques to create artwork, including fruit printing, bean collages and observational painting

The children will be engaging in sensory play with fruit and a sensory box. They will have the opportunity to engage in role play when we transform our home corner into a garden centre, a pirate ship and a paleontology lab. We will be singing and dancing to lots of topic related songs.

### Dates for your diary

Monday 6th January- Spring Term commences

Friday 10th January- Owl Experience in school

Monday 17th February- Friday 21st February- Half Term

Friday 28th March- Last day of term

The Reception children will also begin to attend the Pre-Prep assembly with Miss Callaghan on a Wednesday and the whole school celebration assembly on Friday with Mr Gill.

### Important Vocabulary

We will be using vocabulary related to plants and growing such as **seeds, leaves, stem, roots, flower.**

We will be learning topic specific vocabulary such as **bean, sprout, chrysalis.** We will be learning about different bodies of water such as **river, lake and ocean** and we will learn the names of the 5 oceans:

**Pacific, Atlantic, Indian, Southern, Arctic.**

### Healthy tuck boxes

Eating healthy food is very important to us in Reception. Please ensure your child has a snack for the afternoon. This should NOT contain meat. **Please note that we do not allow any foods containing nuts or nut products at school.**

