



# Summer 1 In the Garden



## Personal Social and Emotional Development

Working and playing together, making up own group games. Listening to others and asking questions to develop talk skills. Encouraging independent learning and celebrating children 'having a go' at new challenges.

## Communication and Language

Sharing and explaining ideas. Answering 'how' and 'why' questions about their experiences. Retelling and developing their own narratives through role play and small world activities.

## Physical Development

**Gross motor skills-** moving confidently in a range of ways changing speed and direction negotiating space. Throwing and catching a ball. **Fine motor skills** - forming all letters correctly and sitting them on the lines.

**Literacy** Reading stories and non-fiction books linked to the topic including 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' 'Little Red Hen' and 'Jack and the Beanstalk.' Consolidation of Phase 3 phonic sounds in longer words and tricky words and using this in our independent writing. Reading and writing 'High Five' sentences to re-tell familiar stories and write instructions.

**Knowledge of the world** Learning about plants, flowers, mini-beasts and life cycles. We will be doing lots of planting including growing our own sunflowers, beans, cress, herbs and grass. We will be selling our wares at the end of the half term! We will have some special visitors to look after and observe them closely.

## Maths

Odd and even numbers. Reinforcing number bonds to 10. Revisiting addition and subtraction. Doubling, halving and sharing. Using maths words to describe what we have learned.

## Expressive Arts and Design

Exploring songs about our topic. We will be creating collages based on our topic using a range of media.

Thank you for all the positive comments from families attending parent meetings last half term. We appreciate your support and welcome your feedback. We will be sending home information to support your child with writing and maths this half term.

## Dates for the diary

TBC - Allotment visit  
If you have an allotment we could visit, we would love to hear from you.

We will be doing a lot of growing in our topic work. Donations of seeds, plants, compost and sand would be gratefully received! We also need wooden pallets and wooden cable reels if anyone has any contacts for these.

	<p>Please send us a photo of your garden on Tapestry as a discussion starter for your child.</p>
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