



### Literacy

Some of the texts we will be using are 'The Extraordinary Gardener' and 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. We will be focusing on using our phonic sounds to write captions and short sentences, spelling our words phonetically.

### Phonics

In phonics, we will be applying all of our sounds to read and write caption and sentences, including our tricky words. We will be developing our confidence in reading spelling longer word.s. Each child gets the opportunity to practise their reading skills in Book Club, which happens three times each week in small groups.



### Maths

This term we will be developing our understanding of numbers to 10, including the composition of each number. This will support the children learning number bonds to 5 and 10 and recalling doubling facts.

### Communication and Language

We will continue to explore and expand our vocabulary through our topics such as articulating a life cycle and describing some significant events in detail. We will be learning new rhymes and songs during our weekly music lesson..



### Understanding the World



#### Travelling Tuesday

Travelling Tuesday covers Geography, History and Science. This half term will have science focus and we will learning about life cycles and exploring plants



#### RE

Our question for this half term will be 'Which Places are Special and Why'. We will talk about places that are special to us before considering the places special to other people.



### Physical Development

#### Gross Motor

On Wednesdays, we will be visiting Forest Rangers where we will be exploring our forest area. We will be looking for signs of summer and going on a mini beast hunts.

In PE on Fridays, our PE focus will be traditional summer sports. We will be using the field to practise relay races, skipping, sack races and balancing an egg on a spoon.

#### Fine Motor

We will be practising our handwriting, focusing on letter formation. We will be using scissors, paint brushes, tweezers and completing threading activities to develop our fine motor skills.



### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be working on resolving conflict with peers, following multi-step instructions and adapting and managing behaviour in different situations.

### How you can support our child at home

- Read a book for pleasure every day and talk about the text, asking questions about the characters and what is happening in the story
- Celebrate your child's reading by practising their phonics reading book with them
- Practise, practise, practise tricky words and sound boxes!
- Ask your child to count objects (to 10), recognise numerals to 10, count beyond 20 and recognise common shapes
- To complement our topic, encourage your children to play outdoors, noticing the plants and trees around them – we always love to see photos of children continuing their learning at home!



## Reception Summer Term 1



### Expressive Art and Design



We will be using mixed media to design and create our own imaginary gardens.

#### Music

We will listening to music and discovering the sounds of summer. We will be learning to play percussion instruments in a controlled way.