

Curriculum News

This half term, our topic is 'Let's Grow!'

We will be learning about plants and how they grow. We will be looking at a wide range of plants and growing our own. We will also be learning about mini beasts; what they are, how they grow and why they are important.

We aim to spend part of each day outside. It is getting milder, but please make sure your child has appropriate outdoor clothes with them.

Remember - any questions, please ask. we are here to help.

As part of Expressive Arts and Design we will:

explore and create using a range of skills and materials, including drawing, painting, collage and sculpture.

We will be developing our imaginative play by engaging in role play and small world play.

We will be exploring different media (paints, chalk etc), mixing colours and representing our own ideas using these resources.

As Authors and Readers we will:

be linking our literacy with our topic. We will be learning a traditional tale, *The Little Red Hen*, and *Tad* by Benji Davies.

We will be reading and writing simple words and phrases using phase 2 & 3 sounds & Tricky/HFW begin to develop our skills in writing labels, captions and simple words and sentences independently.

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In Physical Development:

We will be improving our fine motor skills and refining our letter formation. The children will be practising this daily in a variety of ways.

We will be developing our skills in controlling different types and sizes of balls.

As Mathematicians:

we will be learning about numbers 11-20. We will be developing our number sense in relation to each of these numbers.

We will be learning the number bonds for numbers 1-10, so that we can remember them instantly and not need to work them out each time we use them.

We will be adding, subtracting and sharing.

As part of Knowledge and Understanding we will be:

learning about how plants grow and what they need to grow. We will be exploring mini beasts—how they grow and change and why they are important for the environment.

Some reminders:

PE will be taught on **Wednesday** for Blue Base and on a **Thursday** for Green Base. Please make sure earrings are removed or covered.

Please remember to send your child in with a bottle containing water only, to have in the classroom. Children need to take them home each day to be filled up and cleaned. If they bring a packed lunch from school, please bring a second drink to have with their lunch.

Please remember to pay your £1 Foundation Fund contribution each week. This makes a huge difference to the resources we can provide.