

'Living and Growing' Topic

This half term we will be learning about growing plants from seed. We will also be learning about life cycles including that of a chick as we watch our eggs hatch. Children will have an opportunity to plant seeds and observe them closely as they grow.

Our Talk for Writing text will be *The Enormous Turnip*.

Mathematics

This half term the focus will be on doubling, sharing and halving. We will continue to practise ordering numbers correctly as well as practising our addition and subtraction skills. We will be consolidating our understanding of number using the maths mastery approach, including using concrete objects, pictorial representations and recording. We will also be learning about measuring time, length and height, learning about patterns and 2D and 3D shapes.

Literacy

Our Talk for Writing text is *The Enormous Turnip*. Other texts will include *Jack and the Beanstalk*, *Jasper's Beanstalk*, *Oliver's Vegetables* and Non-Fiction books about life cycles of plants and animals. We will continue to follow *Letters and Sounds* for our daily Phonics sessions, revisiting Phases 2 and 3.

Physical Development

PE lessons for this half term will focus on outdoor games. We will continue to develop fine motor skills through activities such as cutting, threading, drawing and letter formation.

Understanding the World

Children will plant seeds and observe the growth of a plant over time. Children will learn to name the different parts of a plant. They will observe eggs hatching and watch as the chicks change over the course of time. They will be able to recognise the similarities and differences in adult animals and their babies. Both classes will have a Forest School session during this term.



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Communication and Language

Our curriculum continues to have a strong focus on speaking and listening. These skills will be developed through storytelling, answering and asking questions and talking about life experiences. Specific vocabulary will be taught linked to the topic.

Expressive Arts and Design

Opportunities to engage in imaginative play will be linked to our story and topic focus. They will use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

This half term children will continue to develop confidence to speak in a familiar group, will talk about their ideas, and will choose the resources they need for their chosen activities. Children will talk about how they and others show feelings, talk about their own and others' behaviour, and its consequences, and know that some behaviour is unacceptable.