

Physical Development

We will be doing lots of different arts and crafts activities involving cutting, sticking, and painting to develop our fine motor skills.

We will also join in with games such as the 'bean game' that involve energetic movements, such as jumping, skipping, hopping, running and climbing to build our body strength, coordination, balance and agility.

Funky spiders' webs!

We will provide the children with paper plates with holes punched in them in a circular pattern. Children will be shown how to weave pipe cleaners or wool through the holes on the plate to create a web-like effect!

Understanding of the World

We will be learning all about Spring! What happens in Spring? What differences can we observe in our environment? Plants begin to grow and flowers to bloom. Animals awaken from hibernation.

We will be learning all about farming and planting, including who works on a farm, what animals are raised on a farm, what foods they eat, and what crops are grown on farmland that we eat. How are crops grown?

We will learn the names of the different parts of plants and trees - trunk, branch, twig, roots, stem, flowers and leaves.

We will learn that plants and animals are living things. Plants need water, sunlight and air to survive. Animals need food, water, air and shelter to survive.

Reception Spring Term 2

Ready, Steady, Grow!

Focus:

Food and farming
Planting and growing
Habitats
Minibeasts
Healthy eating

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Taking care of nature. The children will be given the opportunity to care for nature by doing tasks such as watering and maintaining plants and making minibeast hotels.

The children will explore ideas such as:

Why are some foods healthy and some foods unhealthy?

Why should you only eat small amounts of unhealthy foods?

What happens to your teeth if you eat too much sugar?

How does eating raw carrots help keep our teeth clean?

How many times a day should you brush your teeth?

Expressive Arts and Design

Finger and hand painting - make plant and minibeast art using your fingers and hands in a variety of ways.

Make observational drawings of fruits using paper and pastels, cut these drawings out using scissors and arrange them to create a fruit basket.

Experiment with colour mixing to see if children can create colours for the different coloured fruit in Handa's basket - orange, purple, and green.

We will display aerial farms picture cards, encourage the children to create collage artwork inspired by the pictures by drawing around, cutting and sticking different shapes on their paper.

Mathematics

In Maths, the children will be learning about **weight** using balance scales, the concept of 'full' and 'empty', and numbers **6-10** in depth (including the various ways these numbers can be represented and their compositions). They will continue to learn simple addition and subtraction, compare numbers within 10, learn the order of numbers 0-10, and count backwards from 10. Eventually, we will eventually be able play Bingo with numbers 1-10! The children will explore and learn to represent patterns within numbers up to 10, including evens and odds, double facts, and how quantities can be distributed equally. They will also learn to compare **height and length** of everyday objects, as well as measure height and **time**. We will move on to investigating **3D shapes** and patterns, finding 3D shapes in real-life.

Communication and language

We will introduce rhymes related to our topic such as 'Old McDonald Had a Farm', 'Five Little Ducks', 'Incy Wincy Spider', and more.

Children will begin to understand 'why' and 'how' questions which will help stimulate their scientific thinking.

Literacy

A range of non-fiction books about planting and growing and minibeasts will be displayed in our reading corner for children to read and enjoy.

We will be reading the following books:

Jasper's Beanstalk by Nick Butterworth

Handa's Surprise by Eileen Browne

Rosie's Walk by Pat Hutchins

The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle

The Gigantic Turnip Irene Yates

Arabic and Quraan

Arabic: The children will be learning the letters dhaa to kaaf (ظ - ك) with fathah, kasrah and dammah and related vocabulary.

Qur'aan: The children will be learning Surah Al-Feel and Surah Al-Humazah.

Tarbiyyah lessons

The children will be continuing to learn morning athkaar du'aas and a new name of Allaah each week. They will be learning the 6 pillars of eemaan and all about Ramadan and Eid.