



Reception Summer 1 – In the Garden

Topic Overview

In Summer 1, the children will have a range of opportunities to explore the outdoors while the weather is better (hopefully!). We will look at seasonal changes, focus on growth, and change through animals and plants. We will learn about all creatures great and small, habitats and the natural world.

Big Bang

We will begin our topic by visiting our school grounds and looking for what lives and grows in our gardens. Alongside our stay and play session in May, we will invite the children to dress up as a garden creature and revisit the fantastic learning we have done this half term.

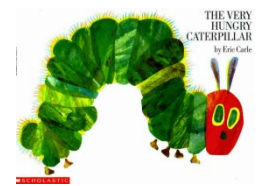
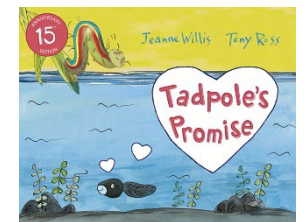
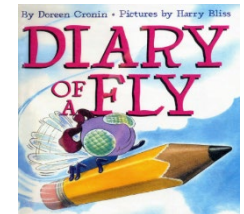
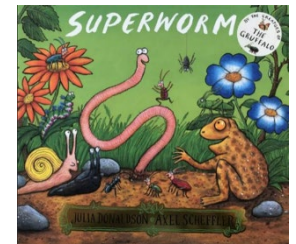
Our Learning Overview

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Mathematics	In Maths, we will continue our knowledge of numbers and extend our learning to numbers beyond 10 and explore number patterns. We will begin to group and share amounts and look further into shapes and how we can rotate and manipulate them.
Literacy	In literacy, we will use a range of key texts to introduce our topic, through the use of Talk4Writing. We will focus on adjectives used in our stories and the vocabulary used to sequence events. We will be focusing on letter formation and introducing some elements of handwriting.
Understanding the World	We will learn about the lifecycle of different minibeasts and even create our own minibeast hotel. We will discuss the importance of looking after nature. We will also be growing our own herbs and vegetables and learning what they need to grow and observing the changes we notice.
PSED	We will be looking at hygiene and how best to keep safe from germs. We will also talk more about how to keep our bodies healthy with the foods we can grow ourselves. We will continue to focus on the colour monsters and find strategies to cope with our emotions.
Communication and Language	This half term, we will be introducing key vocabulary linked to the outdoors and nature. We will be using magnifiers to observe what we can see and using our language to describe. We will also describe our likes and dislikes of different foods grown in the garden.
Expressive Art and Design	In art and design, we will be colour mixing to create wonderful garden scenes and using our fine motor skills to manipulate playdough to create our own minibeasts. We will be using junk modelling to create our own minibeasts and getting into role as characters from the stories.
Physical Development	In physical development we will focus on athletics as part of our weekly PE sessions. This will consist of throwing objects with distance and jumping to clear an obstacle. We will also be using our fine motor skills for threading, using tweezers and improving our cutting skills.

Key Texts

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