

Communication, Language and Literacy

Using their continuously developing literacy skills, the children will work on their independence in reading and writing words and sentences.

- Phonics - we will consolidate Phases 2 and 3 and we will move onto Phase 4
- Orally rehearse sentences before writing
- Continue learning familiar words (fish/whale words)
- Practise key word spellings
- Traditional tale - Jack and the Beanstalk
- Non-fiction - life cycle books - explanation writing/diagrams
- Fiction – plant and minibeast stories such as The Tiny Seed, The Bad Tempered Ladybird, The Hungry Caterpillar...
- Poetry – the colours of nature

Expressive Arts and Design

This topic will allow us lot of creativity

- Developing imagination – a castle, garden centre, mud kitchen recipes
- Creating Music and Dance – shakers, pots and pans steel band, minibeast dance, learn songs about plants and animals
- Exploring Media and Materials – models/paintings and collage of minibeasts and plants
- Being Creative – use natural materials to create pictures/ & clay models
- Designing – what new minibeasts can we create?
- And many other art and craft projects linked to our topic

Understanding the World

Embracing the children's curiosity, we will investigate plants and creatures by:

- Exploring what we can find in the school grounds
- Growing plants and monitoring what happens to them in different conditions
- Learning about the life cycles of different creatures and plants particularly frogs, butterflies and sunflowers
- Finding out how plants and minibeasts help us?
- Weather watching
- Engaging with a visit to a local habitat
- And most exciting of all watching Painted Lady butterflies grow and change! Arriving after half-term.
- ICT:
 - Investigating appropriate i-pad apps
 - Using a paint program to create minibeasts/plants
 - Sorting and classifying minibeasts
 - Watching science clips so we can see plants and minibeasts close up.

Reception Summer Term Curriculum map 'Our Wonderful World'

Key questions:
Can we name and describe plants and minibeasts?
How do living things grow and change?
What do they need to survive?



Personal, Social & Emotional Development

- Thinking of a creature's needs whilst we make temporary habitats
- Working together to achieve a goal
- Making promises
- Sharing and turn taking
- How have we grown and changed? What can we do now that we couldn't do in September?
- What do we want to do in Year 1?

Maths

- Continue counting reliably and accurately in different contexts
- Recognise and order numbers to 20 – those who can already do this will learn to count in different groups
- Find one more or less than a number
- Further explore addition through combining two groups of objects and subtraction through taking away objects and extend to recording
- We will use our counting skills to find out how heavy, how long and how much things hold
- Use equipment to solve problems in practical situations
- Symmetry – butterflies
- Look for patterns in the environment and create our own.

RE

We will explore two key questions this term:

What makes every single person unique and precious?

- The Lost Coin - What is precious to us?
- How are we unique?
- Jesus in the temple - How does it feel to be lost?
- How does the church welcome children?
- Helping others – cake decorating for The Children's Society

How can we care for our wonderful world?

- Why do I think the world is wonderful?
- What does the Bible say about how God made the world?
- How can we be 'caretakers' of the earth?
- Let's give thanks for the wonders of nature.

Physical Development

We will continue to develop increasing control and coordination in large and small movements and look at how we can keep ourselves healthy and safe.

- How do we keep our bodies fit and healthy? This will include exercise, food and drink, hygiene, sleep and sun safety
- Heath and self care – the importance of hand washing after planting, using the mud kitchen and minibeast hunts
- Use of climbing apparatus
- Parachute and skipping games
- Creative and aerobic movement to songs and music linked to our topic
- Leap into Life- P.E with Mr Bailey.