



Reception Summer 1 In the garden

Topic Overview

In Summer 1, Reception will have the opportunity to explore their environment and look at insects and other small creatures that may live in the garden. We will be talking about our environment and continue to extend our vocabulary and creativity to support our writing and to be able to create our own stories. We will write short sentences and captions, using our knowledge and growing in confidence learning our Phonics sounds. We will be focussing on our new school values and continue to show kindness and resilience in everything we do. Through our new topic we will show curiosity in exploring the topic and learning about the creatures in our garden. We will also have some very special guest hatch in our classroom!

Big Bang Day!

Reception children to come dressed up ready to go out exploring! We will be spending a lot of our day outside explore different plants and mini beast, so please come dressed up warm and with wheelies on 17th April 2023.

Our Learning Overview

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Mathematics	In maths this term reception will be exploring shape and pattern, adding and subtracting up to 20. We will be exploring numbers up to 20 and money. Reception will use their prior knowledge to support their new maths learning.
Literacy	During summer 1, reception will continue to writing recognisable letters, and will continue to develop their fine motor skills through different funky fingers activities, Reception will begin their phase 4 phonics which will support blending and segmenting CVC words and CVVC words as well as consolidate the everyday words which will be shown in their writing.
Understanding the World	This half term the children will be making their own wormery in our outside area which will prompt children to ask questions and enquire about the habitat of the worms. Children will also be provided with a range of different fruits/vegetable/plants/herbs for children to explore using their 5 senses.
PSED	This half term the children will continue to demonstrate friendly behaviour, we will encourage this by talking about the different characters from the story- how might they feel- provide prompts to support reflecting on their own feelings and have discussion on how we can help our friends if they feel sad. Children will gain confidence to talk to each other through their play and during carpet sessions.
Communication and Language	This half term the children will develop their communication and language during their continued provision, they will have the opportunity to use a talk and develop their vocabulary, they will be focusing on retelling stories we have been reading this term. We will also be developing our listening skills which will help us listen to our teachers and our peers.
Expressive Art and Design	During this half term reception children will have the opportunity to manipulate materials for a planned effect. They will also be encouraged to join in with songs and learn from rhymes. During continuous provision children will be able to create stories around their learning and use prompts to support their role play.
Physical Development	During this half term we will be focusing on how to move in different ways, children will have opportunities to experiment with different ways of moving. We will talk about the movements of the caterpillar and how it is different when it is a butterfly, use the vocabulary slither, crawl, flap, flutter to help understanding- encourage children to explore these movements with their bodies and materials.

Key Texts



Mad About Minibeasts!
Book by Giles Andreae



Superworm –
Julia Donaldson



The very tiny seed -
Eric Carle



Olivers Vegetables -
Book by Alison Bartlett and Vivian French



The Very Hungry Caterpillar -
Eric Carle

