



## Key knowledge

During our topic "How does your Garden Grow?" Nursery children will find out about different plants and bugs that live in our gardens. They will learn what plants need to grow and develop an understanding of the life cycle of a butterfly.



## Key vocabulary:

garden seeds flower bulb stem petal Leaf

minibeast bug spider ladybird worm

caterpillar cocoon butterfly

sun water grow bloom Soil

legs, wings, eyes, antennae, spots, stripes, colours

tall short long taller shorter longer



## How does your garden grow?

### Prime Areas

#### Communication & Language

This term children will develop their language skills whilst playing alongside their peers in our different role play areas including a Garden Centre. The Children will continue to take part in weekly Tales Toolkit sessions where they will have the opportunity to work together to create their own stories and begin to record their ideas through mark making.

#### Physical Development

Children will continue to develop their fine motor skills during Squiggle While you Wiggle and Dough Gym sessions. We will also be working on increasing our control whilst using one handed tools such as scissors. Whilst outside we will have fun learning some new parachute games and focus on climbing and travelling in different ways.

Can you make an obstacle course at home and find different ways to travel?

#### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

During circle times we will be talking about growing and changing. The children will have the opportunity to observe and talk about changes in nature and then talk about how they have grown since they were babies. We will also be developing our emotional vocabulary and talking about different feelings.

What can you do to help you when you feel cross?

### Specific Areas

#### Reading

Children will listen and join in with stories and be encouraged to talk about the main events and suggest possible endings. Main texts will include: Jasper's Beanstalk, Sam plants a Sunflower, The Hungry Caterpillar, The Very Lazy Ladybird, The Bugliest Bug and The Three Little Pigs

#### Writing

A variety of mark making tools such as pens, pencils, paintbrushes and chalks will be available for the children to mark make with. We will focus on encouraging the children to give meaning to their marks and those that are ready to start to have a go at writing the letters in their names. Other children will begin to write sounds they hear in simple words.

Can you have a go at mark making and tell your grown up what your marks are?

#### Phonics

Children will take part in regular phase 1 phonics sessions which are tailored to their level. They will practise their listening skills and will become attuned to the sounds around them. We will be developing our awareness of rhythm and rhyme and alliteration and exploring the different sounds our voices can make. Children who are ready will begin to work on orally segmenting and blending simple words and beginning to recognise letters.

### Maths

Children will be working hard at becoming subitising superheroes! This is when they recognise how many objects are in a group without having to count. We aim for children to be able to do this for groups of up to 3 objects. We will also be visiting Ten Town to help us with our number recognition. The children will be using their measuring skills by comparing the sizes of different objects and beginning to talk about length and height.

#### Understanding of the World

Children will have the opportunity to plant seeds and watch them grow. We will spend lots of time hunting for minibeasts and we will also have the excitement of the arrival of our very own caterpillars to watch grow and transform into beautiful butterflies.

What do plants need to grow? Can you have a go at growing some seeds at home?

#### Expressive Arts & Design

Children will enjoy learning a range of songs linked to growth and minibeasts and will use paint, clay and junk modelling to create simple representations.