

Communication and Language

Throughout this topic, children will be developing their language skills. This will include:

- Listening attentively and making comments in whole class and small group situations.
- Learning new vocabulary related to plants and insects.
- Articulate their thoughts and ideas in well -formed sentences and asking questions.
- Explain how things work and why they might happen.

Literacy

The children will continue their daily phonics sessions using the 'Little Wandle' phonics scheme. The children will practice their reading either in a small group or 1:1 with an adult, 3 times a week.

The children will learn to retell 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' using actions and a story map. They will then innovate their own version of the story.

We will be reading and discussing many stories and non-fiction books based on plant growth and insects such as 'The Tiny Seed' and 'Errol's Garden.' They will be introduced to new vocabulary and develop skills such as predicting events.

The children will be composing and writing their own simple sentences as well as writing sentences that have been dictated by a teacher.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will draw and paint a range of spring flowers.

The children will learn a range of songs about plants and insects.

They will look at Garden paintings by Monet and Klimt and make our own garden paintings by printing with pom poms and adding details with cotton buds.

Make observational drawing of butterflies and have a go at making some symmetrical butterfly prints.

Make some 3D flowers to sell in our role play area.

Personal Social and Emotional Development

The children will be learning about 'Being my Best' by learning about...

- Bouncing back when things go wrong
- Yes I Can!
- Healthy eating
- My Healthy mind
- Move your Body
- A Good Night's sleep

Physical Development

The children will continue to take part in 2 PE lessons a week. Lessons will focus on athletics.

They will develop their gross motor development by learning how to throw and catch a ball from further distances and how to hit a ball with a racquet

The children will develop their fine motor skills daily. They will be using a range of tools and equipment including pens and pencils, chalks, scissors, paintbrushes, tongs, pegs, and malleable materials.

The children will continue to develop their handwriting skills using our 'Little Wandle' handwriting scheme.

Sunshine and Sunflowers

Hedgehog Class Curriculum Map

Understanding the World

We will be 'growing' caterpillars and watch how they change into butterflies before setting them free!

The children will label the different parts of a plant and devise an experiment to find out what seeds need to grow.

The children will go on a minibeast hunt and try to name the various bugs.

They will use magnifying glasses to observe wildflower seeds. Plant the seeds in tiny pots, before planting in the outside area.

In RE the children will be learning about 'Which places are special and why?'

Mathematics

The children will continue daily maths lessons using the 'White Rose' scheme of work. They will be:

Building numbers beyond 10.

Counting patterns beyond 10.

Learn about addition by 'adding more'.

Learn about subtraction by 'taking away'.

Develop their spatial reasoning skills by selecting and rotating shapes to fit a space.

