

Nursery Summer 1

Our theme this half term is

★ 'Glorious Gardens!' ★

Our big question this half term is

"What can we find in the garden?"



Understanding the world

As part of our topic this term will be finding out all about the things that live in our gardens, from bugs to birds and seeds to trees. We will think about what the seeds, plants and trees need to grow and how we can take care of them.

We will explore the living creatures that we find in the school grounds and think about where they live, what they eat and what they look like. We will be planting seeds and watching them grow.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will talk about the different feelings that we have and think about how our friends might be feeling too.

We will find ways of solving problems when things do not turn out the way we expect them to.

We will build our confidence when visiting new places and meeting new people.

We will continue to follow the routines and rules of the EYFS unit and know why they are important.

Relationships and Health Education

We will be exploring the themes of 'Looking after my environment', 'What does my body need?' and 'I can keep trying'.

We will be thinking about how we can be kind and helpful. We will also be thinking about what our bodies need to stay healthy.

Mathematics

We will be continuing to join in with saying number names and practising saying names in order. We will be counting forwards and backwards. In our White Rose Maths, we will be thinking about patterns in rhymes and songs and creating our own patterns, jigsaws and matching shapes to shadows, We will be : numbers up to 5 and making collections of small and l:



Religious Education

We will be thinking about Why is it important to experience times of quiet? Exploring sacred spaces, simple prayers and time to reflect in Christianity and compare with those in Hinduism.



Our School Prayer

This is our school, Let peace dwell here,
Let the rooms be full of contentment.
Let love abide here, Love of one another,
Love of mankind, Love of life itself,
And love of God.

Let us remember That as many hands
build a house, So many hearts make a
school.

Some of our focus Texts



Literacy

This half term we will be exploring texts linked to our topic of 'Glorious Gardens' as well as continuing with rhymes. In our daily phonics sessions, we will continue to explore more of Phase 2, focusing on the introduction of letter sounds corresponding with their graphemes and continuing to develop oral blending and segmenting skills.

We will continue to write some or all of the letters in our names, as well as some of the Phase 2 graphemes that we are introduced to.

We will be exploring books without words.

Physical Development

We will be taking part in a range of physical activities to develop our gross motor skills, core strength, stability and balance.

We will be kicking balls with increasing control, exploring different ways of kicking, controlling the speed and direction of the ball. Look for spaces when kicking a ball and follow the rules of a ball game.



Communication and Language

We will be recalling and singing familiar songs, as well as talking about familiar texts and telling a long story. We will use sentences of at least four to six words when engaging in conversations with friends or familiar adults.

We will use talk and actions to express what we are thinking or feeling when we disagree with friends.

Expressive arts and design

We will use paint to mix two colours to create new ones. We will remember and sing new plant and garden themed songs. We will talk about what we think and feel about different music and songs we have listened to.



Home Learning Menu

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These projects can be worked on over the whole half term. Please send photos of your completed projects into school via Class Dojo as each week we will share and celebrate completed projects in class.

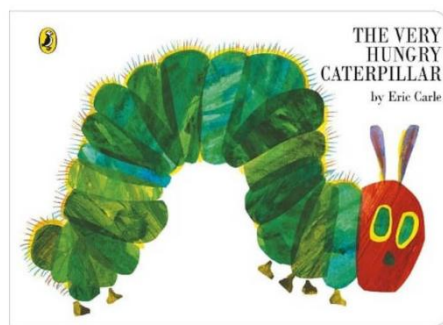
Feed the birds

Can you make a bird feeder to hang on a tree? Thread Cheerios onto a pipe cleaner and shape into a circle to hang on a tree branch. Watch to see how many birds come to eat your yummy snack!



Read a story about a bug!

Read a bug story! Choose a story about a particular type of bug to share with a grown up. What happens in the story? What characters are in the story?



Make a mini beast model!

Make a mini beast model. What one will you choose? A ladybird, butterfly, bee? Use a toilet roll tube and paint it or glue coloured paper onto it.



Animal spotting!

How many animals visit your garden/nearby green space? Have you ever spotted a squirrel, bird or hedgehog? Count how many different animals visit the outside space. You could draw a picture of them too!



Symmetrical printing

Fold a sheet of paper in half and drip blobs of paint on one half. Next fold the paper and gently rub it to spread out the paint. Carefully open it up to show your beautiful butterfly. Once it is dry, add a body and 2 antennae.



Grow your own!

Plant some seeds in a pot. What do you seeds need to grow? Can you remember to look after them by making sure they have lots of sunlight and water them regularly.

