

Time to Talk

Use these questions to talk about gardening, growing and fantastic food at home.

What signs of Spring do you notice on your way to or from school?

What is the weather like today?

What things are the same and what things are different about the season of Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter?

What does a plant need to grow? How could you look after a plant?

What vegetables can you name?

What fruit can you name?
Try a new one!

Our next project is all about gardening, growing and fantastic food. We will be exploring our amazing outdoor space and planting some seeds to (hopefully) grow into fruits and vegetables which we can harvest ourselves!

We will learn all about the season of Spring and in our project discussions we will find out how Christians celebrate Easter as part of our learning around celebrating differences and finding out about cultural celebrations.

We will continue to learn phonics in our phonics groups. We are learning to identify special friends and spot them in words. A big focus this term will be using the sounds we know to write words and form sentences.

In Maths, we will continue to learn how to use addition and subtraction to solve a number problem, as well as learning new vocabulary related to size, length and weight. We are getting really good at subitising – knowing how many we have without counting them all – and we will continue to learn to subitise to 10.

In PE, we will continue our Gymnastics unit where we are exploring different ways of balancing, travelling and safely using apparatus. This will move onto Games after the Easter break.

We are also really excited that we will be starting African Drumming. We will also be thinking more about what it means to be 'All Different, All Equal and All Learning'.



Spring: Gardening, Growing and Fantastic Food!



Wow Words

Season, Spring, grow, plant, seed, soil, bud, bulb, flower, stem, leaf, root, life cycle, water, sunlight.

Fruit and vegetable names: apple, pear, strawberry, cucumber, tomato, potato, carrot.

Gardening tool names: trowel, fork, plant pot, rake.

Balanced diet, healthy choices.

Still life, art, select, mix, draw.

What will we learn?

Children will learn that the seasons throughout the year change and will explore the signs of Spring. They will be able to identify the signs of Spring in the world around them by using the skills of observing and noticing.

Children will learn that plants have a life cycle. They will learn the names for the parts of a plant.

Children will learn how to care for plants, knowing that plants need sun, water and nutrients to help them to grow.

Children will learn the types of fruits and vegetables that can be grown in our school garden and how they are an important part of a balanced diet.

Children will learn how to draw and paint from a still life arrangement, with some accuracy, selecting and mixing the correct colours for their artwork.

Notices

Monday: Squirrels PE

Tuesday: Hedgehogs PE
Please come to school in your PE kit for the whole day. Please wear your trainers. Long hair should be tied back and earrings removed or covered.

Friday: Library – please return your library book each week so that you can choose a new one!

Reading Books: Please ensure these are in school on a Friday.

Water bottles: Water only please!

Key Texts

The Tiny Seed – Eric Carle

From Seed to Sunflower - Camilla de la Bedoyere

Jack and the Beanstalk – (Mara Alperin & Mark Chambers)

Oliver's Fruit Salad/ Oliver's Vegetables - Vivian French and Alison Bartlett

