



Reception Newsletter      Summer 1

During this half term our topic will be "In the garden". We will be looking at vegetables and flowering plants. We would be grateful for donations of clean plant pots, seed trays, spare plants and seeds, seed catalogues and anything else connected with garden and growing. Our role play area will be changing into a garden centre!

We will cover the following areas as part of the foundation stage curriculum:

Communication, language and literacy:

- Use of non-fiction texts eg instructions, information, labelling
- Regular opportunities to develop independent writing.
- Development of handwriting skills.
- Further development of phonics and word building skills.
- Reading and spelling of high frequency words.

Mathematics

- Say and use number names up to 20 in order
- Name 2d and 3D shapes
- Use coins in role play.
- Compare lengths, know the days of the week and tell the time using o'clock.
- Solve practical problems to include sharing, halving and doubling.

Understanding of the World

- ICT: Printing and saving work and developing keyboard skills.
- Understand the things plants need in order to live and grow.
- Notice the patterns of change in the environment.

Expressive arts and design

- Patterns in nature
- Collage work using different types of materials.
- Look at pictures painted by different artists.
- Sing simple songs from memory
- Use a range of percussion instruments.

Physical development

- Use a range of small and large equipment for throwing, catching, aiming
- Awareness of others and use of space
- Move confidently and with imagination to music.

Personal, social, emotional development

- Activities which encourage independence, concentration, confidence and awareness of others
- Opportunities to work as part of a group, developing turn taking and sharing.
- RE: Stories Jesus told.

Thank you for your continuing support from the Reception Team