



### Seesaw

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# Summer 1

# How does your Garden grow?



## Early Years Foundation Stage

(EYFS)  
Nursery

## Key information about this half term

This half term, we will be learning lots about the world around us and how things change. We talk about the changes that have taken place, since the Spring weather has arrived. We will then read the traditional story of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and provide opportunities for the children to develop their story telling skills and vocabulary. We will also plant beans so that we can grow our own beanstalks in the garden.

Later this half term, we will read the story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and observe the life cycle of a caterpillar. We are anticipating that some tiny eggs will arrive in class that will eventually grow into butterflies! We will also use this story to learn about healthy eating and how important it is to eat well and look after our bodies.

### Literacy

#### Writing:

The children have been practicing writing their names and we will continue with this as a focus. They will also learn to sound, recognise and form a new letter sound every week.

The children will be encouraged to use some of their print and letter knowledge when writing a list for example e.g. 's' for strawberry.

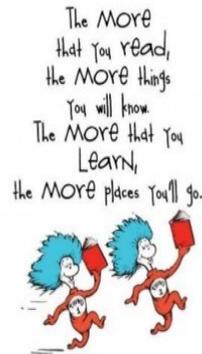
#### Phonics:

The children will be continuing their phonics lessons, listening out for rhyming words and initial sounds.

From this term, they will also be introduced a letter sound every week, starting with s, a, t, p, i, n.

#### Enjoying and Sharing Books

Your child will continue to be given a library book to take home and share with their family. Story time is one of the most important parts of our day at Nursery and we believe that the more books that our children share and enjoy, the more their vocabulary and imaginations grow.



### Communication and Language

The children have been working hard to improve their ability to speak in sentences. We will continue to develop their vocabulary through real life experiences observing the world around them as well as through stories.

The children will also practice answering questions, like 'Why do you think the caterpillar got so fat?'

### Physical Development

This term, the children will continue to develop their gross motor skills, climbing over, under and through obstacles. They will also have access to a wide range of smaller equipment such as bats, balls, beanbags and hoops.

The children will explore making marks for a variety of purposes, drawing and writing lists for example and they will be encouraged to use a pencil and other implements to form familiar letters. We will also learn about healthy eating and how it is important to make choices between foods that are good for us and foods that are not.

### Maths

This half term, we will continue to practise our counting skills, ensuring that we touch objects as we count and say one number at a time. We will also compare amounts using the language of 'more', 'less' and 'fewer'. As we explore our topic, we will use the theme of growing to explore size and length, as well as sequencing real life events. We will also use objects and colours to explore and make simple repeating patterns.

### Understanding the World

This half term, the children will learn about how seeds grow and how creatures make many transitions in the process of becoming an adult. They will learn more about how to care for living things and the things plants and animals need to help them grow. They will also learn lots of new vocabulary as they discover more about their outside world.

### Expressive Art and Design

Now that the children have explored lots of different materials and methods of joining them, we will be encouraging them to develop their own ideas and setting up a creation station in the classroom. We will continue to encourage them to engage in role play and use small world toys to build more complex stories.

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

During this topic, the children will learn the importance of caring for other living things. We will also continue to care for one another and look after our friends as part of a class community. We hope that the children will also start to follow the rules more independently when an adult is not present and show awareness of how to use the equipment safely..