

Our Topic this half term is 'Growing'

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Through our topic this half term, we will continue to learn how to be independent by selecting and using equipment safely for growing. We will also be learning how to look after plants and animals to help them grow safe and strong. You could help your child by encouraging them to become more independent when dressing and undressing.

### Communication and Language

As part of our topic, we will be sharing both fiction and non-fiction books about different types of plants, animals and mini-beasts. We will also be discussing our observations of changes we have noticed in our environment. You could help your child by talking about the different types of flowers, plants or trees you see on your way to school.

### Physical Development

As part of our topic, we will be working in our digging area. This will give your child the opportunity to develop their gross motor skills and strength as well as learning how to use equipment safely. We will be investigating living things using all our senses and then using a variety of tools and techniques to explore what we find.

Weekly PE lessons will take place every Tuesday, so please make sure your child's PE kit is in school and jewellery removed for that day. This term we will be practising races for our sports day in June.

A link to explore cosmic yoga below will help your child develop their concentration and core strength.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xhWDiQRrCIY>

# RECEPTION

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Thank you for all the WOW moments I have received. Don't forget, if you have any WOW moments at home (a proud parent moment), please share them with me

### Literacy

As part of our topic, this half term we will be writing a bean diary. We will also be writing instructions about how to look after live animals. We will be reading lots of non-fiction books to help us to find different facts about plants, mini-beasts and birds. You could help your child at home by practising the Kite Challenge words and weekly spellings.

### Mathematics

As part of our topic on growing this half term, we will use language such as big and little; tall and short; and taller and shorter to describe and compare size. We will be learning how to measure our plants and keep a record of their growth. We will continue to develop our skills of adding and subtracting numbers up to 20. You could help your child by comparing the height of people in your family. You could also encourage them to order objects by length!

### Understanding of the World

As part of our topic, your child will be learning about growing and changing over time. We will be looking at plants, animals and ourselves. Spring has now arrived, and we will be using all our senses to investigate the changes in our environment, as well as planting and caring for our own seeds. Watch out for our surprise visitors who will be arriving at the beginning of April! You could help your child by talking about your environment at home and notice the changes in the trees and plants around them.

### Creative Development

This half term your child will be learning how to make 3D pictures. We will also be constructing homes to ensure that our visitors are comfortable. In music we will be using our imagination to create sounds and movement to accompany stories. We will also be using role play to retell different stories we have read.