

Nursery Topic web

Summer Term 1

Prime Area- Personal, social and emotional development

- Activities to develop an understanding of how to care for the environment and all its creatures.
- Stories and games to explore children's feelings and emotions.
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Prime Area- Physical development

- Find out about healthy eating through tasting different foods.
- Explore the garden and learn how to use gardening tools safely and correctly.
- Explore large outside play equipment and visit a local playground to explore more challenging equipment.
- Explore Using large and small PE Equipment – playing ball games, tennis, hockey, parachute games, climbing and balancing.
- Develop movement to music.

Prime Area - Communication and Language

- Role-play a garden centre and explore new vocabulary related to the garden.
- Read a variety of stories related to the garden and creatures in the garden e.g, The hungry caterpillar, Jaspers Beanstalk and The Bad-Tempered Ladybird.
- Sequence and order story events.

The Secret Garden

Specific Area- Expressive arts and design

- Design and make bird houses and fairy/super hero gardens.
- Observational pictures and drawings of nature e.g. flowers and Mini-beasts.
- Looks at the artist Van Gough, children create their own sunflower pictures.



Specific Area- Understanding the world

- Investigate growing plants and gardening.
- Create a sensory garden with herbs and scented flowers
- Explore the lifecycle of a butterfly and a frog.
- Explore how the weather changes from Spring to Summer.
- Investigate fruits and vegetables and explore their seeds.

Specific Area - Literacy

- Use reference books to find out information about gardening and mini-beasts.
- Make a bug book.
- Read and retell familiar stories e.g, Jack and the Beanstalk and The hungry caterpillar.
- Create instructions on how to make a worm farm.
- Design a sensory garden drawing and labelling plants.

Specific Area- Maths

- Counting bugs – how many they can find of each sort, how many legs, wings etc. Recording results.
- Addition and subtraction activities e.g. looking at spots on each of a ladybirds wings and adding together, making spiders with different number legs on each side but totalling 8, practical exploration of number bonds to 10.
- Exploring doubling and halving e.g how many legs on each side.
- Water play – exploring capacity.
- Measuring – growing plants and comparing heights, measuring worms
- Make patterns using natural objects.
- Go on a pattern walk.

Possible parental involvement

- Invite parents into Nursery for stay and play session to complete gardening activities.