

Expressive Arts and Design

During the term we will continue to explore lots of different media and techniques relating to art. We will be completing some 3D art projects including making a garden out of card and will also be making bowls using brown parcel tape. We will look at Georgia O'Keefe's paintings of flowers as well as the collage of The Snail by Henri Matisse. The children will have opportunities to respond to these works of art and will create their own paintings and collages in the style of these famous artists.

Physical Development

The children will continue to have opportunities to develop their physical skills daily through a range of outdoor activities as well as through a variety of fine motor control activities. PE sessions take place on a Tuesday afternoon. This term the children are completing units of learning based on outdoor games and athletics. They will need their usual PE kits as well as a pair of trainers for their outdoor PE sessions.

Continuous Provision

Every day the children will have opportunities to choose their learning by selecting the things they would like to play with. During this time, the adults will spend time playing alongside the children and developing their learning and vocabulary through discussion and the use of challenging questions.

Outdoor Learning

For the first half term, we will not be doing our usual Forest School sessions. Instead we will be completing a range of gardening activities throughout the week. It would be useful for the children to have their wellies in school all the time for this half term in case we get wet and muddy. We will resume our Forest School sessions after half term and will advise you of the day nearer the time.

We hope this curriculum booklet gives you an insight into some of the learning opportunities we will be completing this term. We are very excited about all the things we have planned and are looking forward to the learning that the children will complete.

Thank you in advance for your support and co-operation.

The Reception Team



How does your garden grow?

RECEPTION



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Welcome to Reception!

This booklet gives you information about the learning that your child will be completing this term. Each term, we will focus on a different topic and will cover a whole range of exciting things relating to learning in Reception. This term our whole school theme is STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) and our class topic title for this term is:

How Does Your Garden Grow?

This term, our learning will have a STEM theme. The main learning for the term will be based around the outside environment. We will be planting seeds and watching our plants grow. We will also be eating a range of homegrown produce and building our understanding of where our food comes from.

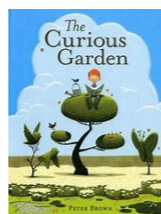
Each half term we will be looking at a piece of artwork, a piece of music and a high quality book. This term, these will be:



Flowers
By Georgia O'Keefe



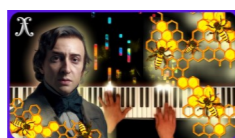
The Flower Duet
By Leo Delibes



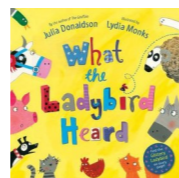
The Curious Garden
By Peter Brown



The Snail
By Henri Matisse



The Bees
By Frédéric Chopin



What the Ladybird Heard
By Julia Donaldson

Literacy

This term we will continue with the Little Wandle Phonics Programme. The children will continue using the sounds they know and will continue to practise blending sounds to make simple words. You will find the sounds that have been taught in your child's Sound Book. Please keep practising these at home so that the children are able to identify them quickly. The children will continue to read in school three times each week and will bring home their reading books to show you what they have done. Please continue to hear your child read at home to reinforce the learning completed in school. Please also enjoy stories together regularly using their sharing book or any books you have at home. We will be continuing to practise using the sounds we know to help us with a variety of writing activities and will also practise our handwriting and letter formation every day. Each week, we will complete a Drawing Club activity where we start with a story and then create new stories using our imagination, recording our ideas using pictures and writing.

Maths

In maths we will continue with our Mastering Number sessions. These sessions will continue to focus on numbers to 10 and will focus on a range of mathematical concepts. We will continue to use the Numberblocks characters to support our learning and will be completing lots of practical maths activities within the classroom. We will be learning to recognise a range of shapes and will be using a range of mathematical vocabulary to describe our thinking.

Understanding the World

This term we will be focusing on planting seeds and growing plants. We will think about all the things that seeds need to grow well and will spend time tending to our garden area in our reception playground. We will be spending as much time as possible outside and will enjoy a range of outdoor activities. It would be useful for the children to have wellies in school as we will be digging in the mud and playing in our mud kitchen! We will be designing our own gardens and will be thinking about the features of the gardens we are familiar with. We will be using the school grounds for our learning and will be finding and identifying a range of plants and minibeasts and their habitats. We will also be learning about a range of minibeasts. We will be learning about their habitats and life cycles and will be creating a minibeast hotel for them to live in. Towards the end of term we will be thinking about animals and plants from a contrasting habitat and will spend time learning about the rainforest.