

Personal, Social & Emotional Development:

We will be focusing on encouraging the children to continue to develop positive relationships with each other. We will be asking the children to talk about their own and others behaviour and to think about how their behaviour affects others.

Understanding the World.

Through looking closely at the lifecycles of plants, humans and animals we will be encouraging the children to develop an understanding of growth, decay and changes. They will be encouraged to talk about why things happen and how things work and will also be encouraged to think about ways to take care of plants and animals. We will be observing the lifecycle of a butterfly within the classroom through watching our live caterpillars.

Expressive Art & Design:

We will be using tools and materials to create pictures and models of the different stages of life cycles and will be exploring what happens when we mix colours together. We will be encouraging the children to act out their own storylines and narratives through different role play areas and activities.

Year group: EYFS–RECEPTION

Topic theme: Watch Me Grow

Whole class texts: The Very Hungry Caterpillar, From Caterpillar to Butterfly (non-fiction), Jasper's Beanstalk, Jack & The Beanstalk.

Physical Development:

Through our weekly PE sessions the children will develop their fundamental ball skills such as throwing and catching, rolling a ball, using targets, dribbling with feet, kicking a ball, bouncing and catching a ball. They will be able to develop their fine and gross motor skills through a range of game play with balls. Children will work independently and with a partner and will develop decision making and using simple tactics.

Communication and Language:

We will be talking about different lifecycles and asking questions as to why things happen and how things change and grow over time. The children will be encouraged to share their own thoughts, ideas and experiences in small and large groups.

Maths:

In our maths sessions we will be continuing to develop our understanding of number through focusing on ordering, addition and subtraction. We will be naming and describing the properties of 2D and 3D shapes and will be comparing and ordering length, weight and capacity. We will also be exploring doubling and sharing numbers and quantities of objects.

Literacy:

We will be continuing to work through the phonemes and digraphs within Phase 3 of Letters and Sounds. We will be learning to recognise these within words and to also use them in our own writing. We will be using our class texts as a stimulus for writing opportunities, for example by creating books to retell the stories in our own words. We will also be writing our own diaries to show the growth and change we observe in our live caterpillars over the weeks.