

Specific Area: Literacy

This term we will be learning about growing and what plants need to grow strong and healthy. We will read the stories *Oliver's Vegetables*, *The Enormous Turnip* and *Handa's Surprise* to learn about different foods, how they are grown and where they come from.

We will be using the skills we have learnt in phonics to listen for sounds in words and to write labels, captions and short sentences.

Through the traditional tale 'The Enormous Turnip' children will demonstrate an understanding of what has been read to them by retelling the story using their own words and recently introduced vocabulary. They will also compose their own captions linked to the story.

Specific Area: Mathematics

In Maths, we will continue to develop a deeper understanding of numbers to 10, with a big focus on the numbers 9 and 10. The children will become more confident to explore how each number is made up of smaller numbers and through numerical patterns, we will learn how numbers can be added together to make a larger number and representing this in a number sentence. This will support our knowledge and understanding of number bonds to 10 and we will be really working on the children's rapid recall of number bonds.

We will work with the children on recording their number bonds in a *whole-part-part* diagram.



Prime Area: Communication and Language

We will continue to develop our communication skills through story telling and learn how to follow stories without pictures. We will continue to develop speaking and story telling skills through story scribing. Children are encouraged to use puppets and small world characters and settings to tell their own story to an adult who will write it down to share with the class.

We will also be promoting that children listen attentively and respond to what they hear using new vocabulary with relevant questions, sharing their ideas and actions when being read to and during whole class discussions and small group interactions.

Specific Area: Understanding the World

Through the story *Handa's Surprise*, we will explore the similarities and differences between life in this country and life in Kenya, as well as comparing the fruits that grow in these countries.

We will explore the natural world around us making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants.

The children will each plant their own cress seeds and look watch them carefully to see between the two reception classes who's grows the tallest.

Growing



Areas of Provision

The children will continue to access the areas of provision to develop their independent learning. Carefully thought out and enhanced play opportunities will enable them to embed and develop the skills they have learnt when working with adults.

The children will be encouraged to use their writing skills to label their pictures, write short sentences and begin to write stories.

Provision will include daily opportunities for outside play where the children can extend their play using a variety of different resources in an ever changing environment.

Prime Area: Physical Development

This term the children will continue to develop their gross motor skills through our PE sessions and outdoor play. They will use their communication and language skills to learn different games and follow the rules of them within PE sessions.

Children will develop their fundamental movement skills including balancing, running, hopping, jumping and changing direction. They will learn social skills such as supporting others, working safely and taking turns.

Each week in class, we will be working on our fine motor skills through a range of different activities.

Prime Area: Personal, Social and Emotional

This term, we will learn to identify different feelings and emotions and look for ways to moderate our behaviour when needed.

Through our weekly PE sessions, we will continue to develop independence when dressing and undressing.
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We will continue to build positive relationships with those around us, learn to self regulate giving focussed attention to our teachers at learning times and learn to listen to other children's ideas, understanding the need to compromise.

Specific Area: Expressive Arts and Design

This term, we will be learning how to draw in detail. We will develop our drawing skills through observational drawings of plants, flowers and vegetables.

Through Design Technology, we will explore new materials and use them to create props for our stories.

We will continue to develop our performance skills through nursery rhymes, songs, by acting out our scribes stories and our class story 'The Enormous Turnip'.