

Personal, Social and Emotional Development (Prime Area)

The class will explore more ways to make new friendships. They will develop the ability to accept others who are different to them and to “have a go” at playing in different learning spaces. They will also learn how to keep themselves healthy – prompted by the visit to the life education van.



Mathematics (Specific Area)

Children will continue to explore number, shape, measure and position through play. Many of the activities will link to our topic on growing, looking at the growth of plants in the spring time.

The children will continue to play number games and use numbers 1 to 20 to add, subtract and reason with.

Math workshops will continue, every Friday, at 2.30 until the Easter holidays. All are welcome.

Physical Development (Prime Area)

Our Sports Coach will continue to lead PE lessons on a Wednesday afternoon. He will be encouraging the development of control and exploration of movement through gymnastics – looking at rolling, balancing and jumping. The children will make a simple routine from these movements.

Your child will also continue to develop their fine motor skills, learning how to manipulate different materials and refining their pencil grip.

Your child will be getting changed for PE independently and dressing themselves again.



Communication and Language (Prime Area)

The children will be learning how to listen more attentively during assembly, story time sessions and when friends are talking to them. They will develop their ability to talk in front of others, keeping to a theme and expressing ideas.

Role play is one of our weekly reading sessions and affords the children the chance to use enhanced vocabulary, explore storylines together and use speech found in stories read at home and at school.

Literacy (Specific Area)

Your child will be writing a non fiction book on “Growing Beans” and also exploring the storyline in Jack and the beanstalk. Talk for writing will be used to help the children understand the shape of a story and the difference between fiction and non fiction. World Book Day will be celebrated in school with different activities and a chance to work with other children of different ages. After the Easter holidays a writing workshop will run each Friday from 2.30. All are welcome.

What is growing?

Spring 2: 20th February–7th April 2017



Understanding the World (Specific Area)

Your child will be looking closely at changes that are happening around them, including the growth of new shoots and buds. They will attempt to grow their own beans and link this to other patterns and changes in their surroundings.

Leading on from the internet safety day, the children will continue to explore technology in a fun, informative, creative and safe way.

Expressive Arts and Design (Specific Area)

Your child will be exploring different materials and tools this half term, looking at how to create the effect they want. They will develop the skill of planning, making and reviewing – reflecting on whether they would make changes if they were to do it again.

Creative materials are always accessible to the children but in this half term we will be manipulating clay to make pots.

