

What we are Learning This Half Term – Summer 1

Our topic is... **At the Bottom of the Garden**

Topic Learning

This half term we will be learning all about growing and minibeasts. We will start our topic by looking at how things grow and what types of food we can grow in our garden or vegetable patch. We will look at different vegetables and plant some of our own and find out what we need to do to keep them growing. We will then move on to fruits and look and try different fruits. We will then move on to exploring minibeasts. We will look at different minibeasts and the features of them, and do some work on sorting and classifying. We will also learn why minibeasts are important. We will go on our own minibeast hunts and make minibeast houses.

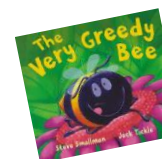
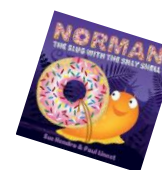
Prime Areas

We are continuing our work on talk and widening our vocabularies. We will be concentrating on speaking in more complex sentences using words such as; and, so and because. We will also be focusing on asking and answering questions.

Being independent will also be a big focus for us as our older children move towards FS2, we will be working on dressing ourselves, doing our own coats and shoes, toileting and feeding ourselves.

We have now finished our Wiggle Me into a Squiggle scheme and will now be replacing these sessions with Dough Disco sessions. During these sessions each child holds a ball of playdough and we dance and do different movements such as squeezing, rolling and pinching in time to music. The aim of this session is to strengthen the small muscles in our fingers, this will help us with lots of tasks such controlling a pencil and zipping up our coats.

Some of Our Core Books



Literacy Learning

In phonics this half term we will be continuing with the same focus as last half term which was orally blending sounds into words and hearing initial sounds in words. As the half term progresses, we will begin to learn the picture phrases that go with our Read Write Inc scheme which we will follow in FS2. Once we know our picture names and phrases we will begin to recognise and say the first letter sounds in our phonics scheme. Our younger children will continue to focus on building up their listening skills and will be exploring the sounds instruments and our bodies make.

In story time we will be focusing on our prediction skills, saying what we think will happen next in a story. We will also be sequencing the events of familiar stories

We will be doing lots of mark making in different materials and our older children will be practising writing their names ready for FS2.

Maths Learning

We will start the half term looking at comparing height and length and using language related to this. We will then move on to sequencing events using first and then. After this we will be doing some learning focusing around positional language. Towards the end of the half term, we will be looking at comparing amounts using more, fewer and the same.

Cultural Links and Events

During the half term we will be taking part in Beep Beep Week. During this week we will be learning all about road safety and how to keep ourselves safe when crossing the road.

