

**Foundation Stage
Curriculum Newsletter
Term 5**

In Foundation our topics are influenced by the interests of the children. This way they are involved in making decisions about what they would like to learn about. Our focus this term will be Lifecycles.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Growth Mindset is something that has already featured a lot in Foundation this term. We have talked about not giving up and trying different ways to do things.

We will also focus on Relationships this term. The children will explore their feelings in the context of important relationships including family and friends.

Communication and Language

We will continue with songs and rhymes but this term with a lifecycles/animals/mini-beasts theme.

The introduction of Guided Reading sessions each week, has allowed the children the opportunity to discuss books and stories amongst a smaller group.

We have set up a Garden Centre role play area outside, which provides the children with many opportunities to act out different roles and develop language skills.

Physical Development

The children will develop fine cutting and sticking skills by making flowers to sell in our Garden Centre. They will also be involved in planting seeds and using garden tools.

The children will learn about the importance of hand washing after handling soil and playing outdoors.

In PE the children will be exploring different ways of moving to represent different lifecycles and creatures. We will continue to use the apparatus in the hall so that the children can climb, jump and balance.

Literacy

In addition to their regular phonics lessons, the children will have a go at writing their 'Bean Diary', write labels and make posters for the Garden Centre.

We will continue to read a range of stories and non-fiction books that link to our topic and take the children's interest. Our Guided Reading sessions have enabled the children to read and discuss books in a smaller group setting, led by an adult.

We continually encourage the use of role play in every topic to develop ideas for writing. The children will be encouraged to have a go at writing their own sentences and stories.

<p>Mathematics</p> <p>We will continue to practise our counting daily in Foundation. We will also re-visit money and looking at the value of different coins. This can also be incorporated into our Garden Centre role play area.</p> <p>The children will use rulers to measure their beans and begin to learn about measuring in centimetres. We will also look at other ways to measure and will measure capacity when watering our seeds.</p> <p>The children will learn how to double and halve. We will also revisit shape and number work and try to focus on the areas the children have found trickier.</p>	<p>Understanding the World</p> <p>The children will find out about different life cycles such as plants, certain mini-beasts and animals. They will think about what is needed for plants and animals to survive and grow. The children will plant their own seeds and take care of their own seeds, monitoring their progress. We also hope to hatch some chicks in school sometime in May!</p> <p>Games and programs will continue to be used both in ICT lessons and in class to support learning in the different topics.</p>
<p>Expressive Arts and Design</p> <p>The children will be involved in making the Garden Centre role play area. They will also be making flowers to sell there. We plan to do some observational drawing of flowers and plants.</p> <p>The children will use different materials such as pasta and bubble wrap to create models of different lifecycles.</p> <p>We will continue to sing songs and explore different musical instruments.</p>	<p><u>Other notices and dates for your diary:</u></p> <p>As the weather gets warmer (hopefully!!), please ensure your child has a sunhat at school and that you have applied sun cream thoroughly before school.</p> <p>Please note that PE will now be on Wednesdays, although it is helpful if the children keep their kit at school throughout the week. They need a white or burgundy t-shirt and shorts which are essential for climbing on the apparatus safely.</p> <p>We hope to get eggs to hatch the week beginning 15th May.</p> <p>Tuesday 13th June: Trip to Farmer Gows. More information to follow.</p> <p>We plan to have a ‘Stay and Play’ morning in Term 6 (date to be confirmed). This will be an opportunity for you to stay and do some activities with your child in the morning.</p>