



# This half term our topic is 'The Big Dig!'



*This half term our children will be discovering how things grow! We will be creating a garden full of flowers, herbs, fruits and vegetables. We will also be hunting for bugs in our garden and hatching our very own... but shhh! Don't tell the children - we love to see them in awe of a surprise!  
Here are just some of the learning opportunities .....*

## English

As well as singing our summer songs and chanting poems every day, we will be reading a range of different stories linked to our theme of growing. We will

- talk about what we like, dislike or find interesting
- describe where the story is set and what the characters are like
- retell the stories in our own words
- predict what may happen next
- learn new words.

Children will continue to experience a daily phonics session where they will learn new sounds and words for reading and writing every day.

In writing sessions children will be learning to

- use capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks
- use different words to connect ideas (e.g. and, but, so...). For example, 'The seeds did not grow **so** we gave them more water!')

## Mathematics

In our daily 'maths meetings' children will be learning to

- learn addition facts by heart (e.g. pairs of numbers to make 10)
- read, write and order numbers to 100
- count in 2s, 5s and 10s
- add and subtract with numbers to 10 then 20
- solve missing number problems with numbers to 20 e.g.  $6 + \square = 10$  (what number goes in the box? Count on from 6 using fingers or a number line)
- name and describe 2d and 3d shapes



## Science - What do seeds need in order to grow?

Children will

- plant seeds and bulbs, observe them closely and describe how they grow into mature plants
- find out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy.

While we work scientifically, we will ask and answer simple questions and observe closely what we see!

## Design Technology - designing and making a fruit or vegetable smoothie

Children will be designing their own fruit smoothies - tasting a range of different drinks, fruit and vegetables, then designing their own delicious fruit drink to share with friends. Children will also design their own label and packaging for their smoothie.



## Music

Children will be singing every day! They will be learning about the term 'pitch' and exploring how to create high and low sounds with their voices and also with their instruments.

## PE

This half term, children will be developing their ball skills! They will work on their sending and retrieving skills - developing their ability to roll, throw, bounce, catch and kick balls of different sizes. We will also be working on developing our athletics skills both on the track and on the field.

**RE** - children will be learning about how the word God is so important to Christians. We will also talk about how the Bible is important too.

## Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE)

As always, children will continue to have opportunities to learn about being great friends to each other and build new relationships too. We will also learn about how money is obtained, how people make choices about what to do with money and the differences between needs and wants.

## Here are some of the ways you can help at home:

- Listen to your child read every day!
- Look through your child's word cards with them - we are so proud of their progress! Sound cards will be added shortly!
- Visit the library to find topic related texts for you to share
- Rehearse reading, writing and ordering numbers to 100, checking the numbers are written correctly
- Rehearse chanting in 2s to 20, in 5s to 50 and in 10s to 100.
- Learn pairs of numbers that make 6, 7, 8, 9, 10.





