



Reception Summer Term 2018 Topic Sheet

This term our topic will consist of 'Growing', which will cover; the planting of seeds and life cycles of living things. We will also be learning about 'sea creatures' which will be enhanced with our trip to the Sea Life Centre and a visit to the beach at Brighton on the 13th June. (Details will follow shortly.)

Communication & Literacy

During literacy the children will be taught how to develop skills and encourage their independence through stories, poems and non-fiction texts relating to our topic e.g. 'Jack and the Beanstalk', 'A seed in need' and 'Commotion in the ocean'.

We will continue our work on letter sounds and children will continue to write simple sentences and short stories. We will continue to send home library books and reading scheme books each week.

Mathematical Development

The children will continue to

- count, read, write and order numbers up to 20 and beyond, counting in 2's
- use simple addition and subtraction
- use doubling, halving and sharing to problem solve
- develop mathematical language relating to size, length, weight and time.
- introducing money, value and coin recognition

Understanding the World

We will observe changes in the world around us as spring moves to summer and consider which clothes are most appropriate in different weathers. We will be observing the local environment and living things, focusing on how plants grow and life cycles of mini beasts. The children will also have an opportunity to plant their own seeds using our garden area.

In preparation for the trip to Brighton we will be learning about different sea creatures and we will be looking at differences between old and new, past and present where we will compare what the beach and pier used to look like and what it looks like now.

All our children have the opportunity to use the computers and learn basic computer skills. The children will continue to have opportunities to use construction kits and 'junk' materials to learn about joining and fixing things together.

Expressive Arts & Design

We shall be using a wide range of materials and developing the children's ideas to design, make and construct products like masks, puppets etc. Children will be drawing, painting, printing and using collage and inspired by plants, animals and the weather.

Each class will be performing an assembly and a dance for a special dance day, which you will all be invited to.

Physical Development

This term we will introduce gym sessions in the hall on Monday mornings, as well as one other PE session, so please ensure your child has a labelled PE kit in school consisting of a pair of shorts and a tee shirt in a bag.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will continue to discuss our feelings, e.g. feeling well/ill, happy/sad, the children are also encouraged to solve problems with others more independently now, ensuring they show care and concern for all involved. This will be covered in circle time, and positive social skills will be continually reinforced throughout school life.

Thank you for your continued help and support and we look forward to a lovely summer term. Mrs Howard / Butterflies, Mrs James / Bumblebees and Miss Patel / Caterpillars.