

Communication & Language

Children will develop their speaking and listening skills through stories, discussions and investigative activities linked to growth and the natural world. They will use language to predict, explain and describe changes they observe, share ideas in group discussions and listen to others' viewpoints, using an increasingly wide range of vocabulary.

Literacy

Children will continue to develop their reading and writing skills through phonics, where they will be learning and consolidating Phase 3 letter sounds, and applying these skills more confidently when blending and reading words and simple sentences. Through Drawing Club and texts such as Jack and the Beanstalk and The Very Hungry Caterpillar, children will sequence events, retell stories and use their phonic knowledge to write captions and simple sentences linked to growth, life cycles and the natural world.

Mathematics

Children will extend their understanding of number by working with numbers to 20 and beyond, developing confidence in counting, comparing quantities and solving simple problems. They will explore composition and decomposition of numbers, addition and subtraction through practical activities, and apply their learning when sharing, grouping and reasoning.

Topic

Our topic 'Beyond the Beanstalk' focuses on growth, life cycles and caring for the natural world, encouraging curiosity, responsibility and independence through first-hand experiences.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Children will show increasing independence and confidence in their learning. They will learn to persevere with challenges, follow routines with less adult support and reflect on their achievements. Children will continue to develop positive relationships, showing respect for others.

Understanding of the World

Children will develop their understanding of the natural world by learning about plant growth, minibeasts, pollinators and life cycles. They will explore where food comes from, investigate recycling and learn about caring for the environment and sea habitats.

Expressive Arts & Design

Children will use a range of media and materials to represent growth, life cycles and the natural world through art, music and role play. They will take part in observational drawing, painting and modelling, showing increasing independence.

Physical Development

Children will further develop strength, coordination and balance through weekly swimming lessons, Forest School sessions and two PE sessions each week, including use of the apparatus in the hall and lessons with Mr Clark. Fine motor skills will continue to be strengthened through food preparation and creative activities.

Reception Summer 101 Beyond the Beanstalk

