

<p>Personal, Social and Emotional Development This term our focus books are Jasper's Beanstalk, and Oliver's Vegetables and Oliver's Fruit Salad. These stories will give children opportunities to develop language around likes and dislikes. Children will be able to taste a range of vegetables and fruits and understand that we like different things. They will be using a role play shop where they will begin to understand that not everyone can have the same role, such as being the shop keeper and will need to take turns.</p>	<p>Communication We will continue to develop children's listening skills by sharing key texts during keyworker groups. Our Key texts this term are based around growing. The text will be read repeatedly, supporting children with recall of familiar stories. They will learn the names of the fruits and vegetables in the stories. We will provide opportunities to engage in role-play and small world activities and begin to use language to ask questions and communicate needs and wants.</p>	<p>Physical Development This term we will continue to focus on 'Self Help Skills' such as recognising and putting on their coats, or taking off a jumper, recognising they are too hot. Most of the children are learning to use the toilet and are being supported by the adults working within the nursery. Children will also have the opportunity to challenge themselves on the Nursery climbing frame to encourage their physical development.</p>
<p>Literacy We will encourage the children to use props in their environment to engage in stories, rhymes and songs. They will be encouraged to repeat words and phrases from familiar stories using familiar props and pictures from the books. They will be given opportunities to ask questions, make comments and shares their own ideas. They have opportunities to draw freely using large and fine motor movements.</p>	<p>Our Topic this Term is...</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Growing</p>	<p>Mathematical Development In the story Jasper's Beanstalk the children will begin to learn the days of the week and will be encouraged to talk about the day repeatedly. The book Oliver's Vegetables will encourage children to develop their sorting skills using vegetables and fruits. They will be able to compare sizes, weights etc. using gesture and language - 'bigger/little/smaller', 'high/low', 'tall', 'heavy'. They will continue to develop counting-like behaviour, such as making sounds, pointing or saying some numbers in sequence and possibly Say one number for each item in order: 1,2,3,4,5.</p>
<p>Expressive Arts and Design Children will have opportunities to draw pictures of different fruits, vegetables and plants as they are introduced to different stories. They will enjoy craft activities linked to the stories, exploring different materials and media to create flowers. The children can choose to do painting, exploring colours, texture, movement and design as they work. Children will also be given the opportunity to build a repertoire of songs and rhymes, explore the way musical instruments sound and explore how sounds can be changed.</p>	<p>This Term we are Reading...</p> 	<p>Understanding the World Children will experience role-play of gardening and will have the opportunity to plant seeds and observe them over the next few weeks. They will enjoy the mud kitchen, exploring the texture of soil and adding water to create mud. Role Play areas will provide opportunities and support children to join in with others play, share experiences and begin to build friendships. Provision allows children to explore filling, emptying and transporting with soil, water and plants. We will be going on a trip to the park to look at the plants and use the playground equipment.</p>

