

Year R Summer Term - Growing and Changing



This term, we will be learning:	
Communication and Language	When talking about life cycles, we will be practising using past, present and future tenses and learning and using new vocabulary focused around life cycles. We will be following instructions to plant seeds and care for our caterpillars.
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	We will continue to work more independently. We will be visiting year 1 and talking about changes, as well as talking about our year in Reception and our favourite parts, how we have grown up and friends we have made. We will continue to work together as a team.
Physical Development	We will continue to talk about the importance of exercise, healthy eating and other ways to keep healthy. We will improve our fine motor skills through using a range of tools, such as scissors, playdough tools, and tweezers to develop our writing, drawing and cutting. In preparation for sports day, we will be practising our running skills and completing obstacle courses. We will be learning country dancing and athletic skills in PE.
Literacy	We will be reading non-fiction texts and talking about their features. We will be reading, sharing, retelling, acting out and writing animal stories, including 'The Hungry Caterpillar'. We will be writing about the things we did as a baby and what we can do now.
Mathematics	We will continue to practise adding and subtracting and recording our calculations. We will use mathematical language to describe capacity, weight, height, distance, time, money and positions. We will be noticing patterns in the number system including learning about odds and evens. We will continue to learn about number bonds, including the subtraction facts.
Understanding the World	We will be learning about different life cycles of plants and animals, observing and talking about the changes that happen as they grow. We will be visiting the ICT suite and using computers.
Expressive Arts and Design	As well as singing songs about animals and growing, we will be dancing and moving in interesting ways, including learning a country dance and performing in groups. We will be learning about different artists such as Eric Carle.



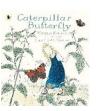


We will be reading:









Ideas of things to do to support our topic:

- Look around when out and about for signs of Spring and talk about how plants grow.
- Plant some seeds or plants and watch them grow talk about what the plant needs and how to look after it.
- Look at pictures of family members and your child at different ages. Talk about how they have grown and changed.
- Go for a walk (e.g. to Tilgate Park, Buchan Park, The Millpond) and talk about what you can see, what is growing, what animals might live here.

Additional information:

- Please read at home every day and record this in the diary.
- All classes will still have PE every Thursday.
- Please continue to check 'Seesaw' regularly for updates these will be less often now as we start the transition to Year 1.
- Please continue to share special moments and learning from home on Seesaw;
 we love to share these in class!