



What we will be learning about: living things - plants and animals

Starfish Sum 1



Expressive Arts and Design

Explore rubbings, patterns, texture through printing and collage. Look at work by Matisse and Van Gogh.
Make models from junk modelling materials.
Make choices about sounds to accompany a story. Practise and perform.

Personal, social and emotional Relationships

Exploring how they can hurt others' feelings and how others can hurt their feelings, developing strategies to deal with this.
Investigating fair and unfair situations.
Exploring feelings about being left and losing something we care about.

Fab finish: We will bring home a plant we have grown from seed

Communication, Language and Literacy

Books: Jasper's Beanstalk, The Tree, Little Red riding Hood.
Reading and writing sentences.
Use phonic knowledge to read and spell.
Read and write common words correctly.

The big question: What does 'alive' mean?

Physical

Develop ball skills – throwing, catching, passing.
Begin to control size of letters and form all letters and numbers correctly.

Mathematical

Automatically recall number bonds for numbers 0-10
Doubling
Halving
Sharing
Verbal counting beyond 20 recognising the pattern of the number system
Length – cms
Positional language
Time – O'clock, half past

Knowledge of the World

Find out about living things, plants, animals and habitats in our environment.
Take photos on iPads.
Know how people care for the environment.

Philosophy for children

Concepts:

Mind: Happiness
Epistemology: Knowledge & beliefs
British values: Tolerance of faith and beliefs

Skills: Identifying 'big ideas'

New Vocabulary

alive, grow, seed, plant, root, leaf, flower, petal, stem, compost, soil, forest, woods, path, map, tree, insect, habitat, environment

How you can help

- Find out about different living things – animals and plants
- Find out about different fruit and vegetables
- Do some gardening at home even if it is only a window box!
- Continue to read lots of stories to your child and practice reading and key words with your child every day
- Do some writing at home every day if possible

Reminders

- **PE** - Please send your child into school wearing their PE kit on **Fridays** (they will wear it all day so they do not need to bring in a change of clothes).
- Put sunscreen on at home in the morning
- Bring some sunscreen into school for your child to keep at school
- Bring a sunhat to school (named)