

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

- Dressing ourselves
- Finger Gym
- Dough disco
- Use one handed tools to dig in the vegetable planter.
- Digging, watering and weeding the vegetable planter.
- Cutting skills
- Dance
- Animal playdough

EXPRESSIVE ART AND DESIGN

- Make a nature picture using natural items e.g. blossom, grass, sticks etc.
- Pebble painting.
- Garden centre role play.
- Build somewhere for baby animals to live e.g a chick or a calf.
- Sing Easter songs and rhymes
- Make Easter cards.
- Farm small world play including baby animals.

MATHS

- Counting 0-10
- Recognition of numbers & objects up to 5.
- Count and sort spring items.
- Describe objects using words like round, straight, big, small.
- Measure ourselves at the beginning and end of the half term to see if we have grown.
- Order/measure plants/seeds according to size.

LITERACY

- Name writing
- Mark marking
- Phonics - Initial sounds RWI set 1
- Labelling body parts/parts of a plant.
- Look at a range of plant/gardening books/magazines.
- Write inside Easter cards.
- Look at fiction and non-fiction books.

Books:

- Jaspers Bean Stalk
- Titch
- Who is in the egg?
- Easter
- Five little Chicks

PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL

- Washing and drying own hands
- Classroom rules
- Look at the changes that are happening around us.
- Have we changed since Christmas? Are we taller? Can we do new things?
- Talk about new life.
- Talk about the Easter story and Christianity.
- Talk about Jesus being selfless and how we can do kind things for other people with no reward.
- Encourage children to take responsibility for looking after plants.
- Talk about hygiene practices when handling plants/soil

Growing and Spring

UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

- Plant seeds in the vegetable patch.
- Talk about what a plant needs to grow.
- How can we encourage bees and butterflies into our garden?
- Look at various seeds, beans and bulbs and discuss shapes, sizes, textures, etc.
- Use a microscope/magnifying glasses to look at leaves, beans and stalks.
- Look at a life cycle (flower, chick).
- Look at eggs and things that hatch from eggs.
- Grow cress.
- Look at the Easter Story.

COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE

- Developing listening skills
- Following simple instructions
- New Vocabulary - compost, root, stem, leaf, bud, petal, flower, seeds. hatch and grow.
- Talk about the seasonal changes around us.
- Set up a role play garden centre and take turns to be the customer and shop keeper.
- Go on a walk and look for the signs of Spring.
- Talk about baby animals and learn the names for them.