

Growing and Changing

Personal, Social and Emotional

- Developing confidence to talk to other children/adults about what we notice about ourselves.
- Making relationships with others by listening and asking questions about their world
- Learning to share equipment, take turns and work together
- Developing independence and concentration

Physical

- Correct pencil hold when mark making, drawing and writing
- Cutting, weaving, threading and using tweezers to develop fine motor skills
- Exploring how our bodies move, developing gross motor skills and what we can do to keep ourselves healthy.
- Becoming more independent in dressing and undressing.

Mathematics

- Practising counting of everyday objects
- Recognising numbers and using number names correctly
- Touching objects one by one as we count
- Exploring shapes, weights and positional language

Understanding the World

- Asking questions and making comments about our world
- Using electronic toys, computers and Interactive Whiteboards
- Celebrating Chinese New Year and Birthdays
- Wondering about how things grow and change

Communication and Language

- Listening to, and joining in with stories about growing and changing
- Looking at and talking about non-fiction books
- Noticing some differences between story books and non-fiction books
- Learning the names of everyday objects, creatures and plants.
- Knowing that asking questions can help to find out information
- Using what, why, when, who words to begin questions
- To be able to answer simple questions

Literacy

- Learning letter sounds using Sue Lloyd and Letters and Sounds schemes.
- Being able to hear the sounds at the beginning of words and within words.
- Drawing and 'writing' about how things grow and change.
- Using clearly identifiable letters in our writing

Expressive Art and Design

- Painting and drawing things in nature using different tools and materials
- Printing
- Colour mixing
- Working with clay, plasticene and playdough
- Singing, signing and using percussion instruments
- Making models

Religious Education

- Our topics are 'Celebrating', 'Gathering', 'Growing'.
- We will be celebrating Epiphany, Candlemas, Ash Wednesday and the Easter Story.

Learning with your child at home

- Singing and saying Nursery Rhymes
- Observing and talking about how things change in nature and seasons
- Read to your child and talk about your favourite books together
- Ask questions and talk about the things they are interested in.
- Join in with their play and take on a role!
- Look closely at creatures and living things using a magnifying glass.
- Practise saying the letter sounds daily and reading your school reading book together (Reception).
- Allow your child to practise cutting. Have a small 'making box' where materials for collage can be stored.
- Visiting the library to find books about 'Growing and Changing' and other topics that interest your child
- Drawing, making and writing about being outdoors. Print off photos and ask your child to 'write about what they see or what they did.
- Encourage your child to 'have a go', building confidence and resilience and helping them not to be frightened of making a mistake!