



Nursery Spring 2- The Great Outdoors

Topic Overview

In Spring 2, we will continue looking at minibeasts, however, we will also learn about plants, gardening and farming. As a part of this, we will explore the key texts below, and will learn about what it takes to make plants grow big and strong. The children will get the opportunity to look at the area around us, what plants we already have, and potentially how we can add plants around our environment. We will try and grow plants in our outdoor area for the children to watch grow, so any donations you have would be greatly appreciated to help make this happen! **Donations could include; seeds, pots, soil, gardening gloves, spades or shovels, or anything else that we could use to help our plants grow big and strong. Thank you in advance!**

Big Bang Day! Taking place on Tuesday 20th February.

On our Big Bang Day, we will plant our own seeds, and discuss what we think will happen to it over the course of the term. The aim will be for these to come home at the end of term (or before), for the children to continue to track the progress of their plant. As well as planting seeds, we will be going for a walk around the school, looking at different planted areas, and collectively deciding on an area that we want to improve this term, and creating a plan for this. We are proud to be a part of Knockhall Primary School and want it to look as beautiful as possible!

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Mathematics

This term in maths we will be looking at comparing number and forming digits. The children will begin to recognise digits and their 'correspondence to a number or group of items. We will use the terms 'greater than' and 'less than' to describe quantities and will also begin to touch on length and time.

Literacy

In literacy, we will continue to explore a range of key stories in different ways. We will use songs and rhymes to continue discussing and expand upon our phonological awareness. The children will mark make to show words, or create signs and lists. This may not be correctly formed at this stage, however, will be meaningful marks to the children.

Understanding the World

We will continue to explore the world around us by learning about different minibeasts. Through our story 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar', we will learn about the lifecycle of a butterfly, and will try and find different plants and minibeasts in our outdoor provision. The children will endeavour to identify the world around them using rich vocabulary which we have learned over the last two terms.

PSED

This term we will be using the book 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' to help explore healthy foods. We will discuss the importance of eating healthily to help us grow. We will also continue to look at following rules and routines in class and understanding our own and our friend's emotions.

Communication and language

Throughout the term, as well as looking at expressing and communicating our needs, we will also be extending this by encouraging the use of asking and answering questions. The children will be encouraged to speak about what they are doing and will also aid their friends by using rich language.

Expressive art and design

This term in art and design, we will be exploring a range of different media, we will create large and small scale artwork in both the indoor and outdoor provision. The children will create maps for our friends to follow, 3D models using play dough, and use collaging techniques to create spectacular pieces of artwork.

Physical development

Linking to our story 'What the Ladybird Heard', we will explore how different animals move, and try and replicate this in the classroom and outdoor area to help us develop our gross motor skills. We will also look at cutting, chopping and pinching to improve our fine motor skills, and will use pencils, crayons and paints to create meaningful marks.

Key Texts

