



The topic in Red Class this term is 'The World Around Me' and for this half term we will be focusing on the theme 'in the garden'. Here is a brief outline of what we will be covering and some activities that you could try at home to support your child. Most weeks we will have a mini focus: Week 1 and 2 Minibeasts; Weeks 3 and 4 Planting/ Growing; Weeks 5 and 6 Bees.

**Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

During PSED the children will explore how to care for living things by looking after plants and our garden area. They will learn about responsibility through watering plants and helping things grow. We will also focus on being kind and working together, taking turns in outdoor play and talking about how we feel.

At home: Encourage your child to help water plants or notice changes in nature.

**Literacy**

We will experience and join in with reading, writing and storytelling, learning through garden themed books. The stories will include Yucky Worms, Jaspers Beanstalk and Bella the Bees Busy Day. Activities will include mark making in soil/ sand, drawing plants / flowers and retelling stories.

At home: Read garden -themed stories and encourage drawing.

**Mathematics**

Throughout a range of garden-based play activities we will be exploring number through counting flowers, leavers and bugs. We will also be sorting natural objects and comparing the sizes of pots and plants.

At home: Count petals, leaves, or insects together.

**Expressive Art and Design**

The children will be creating art using natural materials (leaves and flowers). We will be building garden scenes and also having our very own 'flower shop' role play.

At home: Make pictures using leaves, sticks or recycled materials. You could always take a trip to the garden centre!

**Communication and Language**

Through the topics above, the children will be learning and developing their communication skills through listening to garden – themed stories and sharing what they see outside. We will also be exploring sounds in the garden and describing what we hear.

At home: Talk about plants, flowers, and bugs you see together.

**Physical Development**

Children will explore movement through outdoor play, involving digging, planting and watering. They will also explore running and climbing as well as moving like different insects and animals.

We will also focus on enhancing our fine motor skills through planting seeds using tools like trowels.

At home: Encourage outdoor play, gardening or bike riding.

