



Our topic:

What will we find in the garden?



How this relates to the children:

Exploring our pets and how we look after them.

Exploring animals that may visit our gardens.



How this relates to the local area:

Wildlife and insects in the school grounds

Pond life and gardening.



How this relates to the world:

Animals and their habitats - how are they suited to their environments?

Life cycles and growing/changing over time.

Our WOW experiences this term: Caterpillars in the classroom! (Shhh! Top secret! We haven't told the children!)



Reading skills

Revisiting Phase 3 sounds

Phase 4 sounds

Phase 2 and 3 tricky words

Blending with fluency

Literacy:

What am I? clues to describe a chosen Minibeast or animal in local wildlife.

Animal/mini beast top trumps and fact files.

Writing about how to plant a seed, describing a magic bean I have decorated and writing about a life cycle.

Key texts this term:

The Very Hungry Caterpillar, A butterfly is patient, Jack and the Beanstalk, Twist and hop Minibeast bop!, Aaaargh spider!, Dear Zoo, The tiny seed, Oliver's Vegetables. Jasper's Beanstalk

Writing skills

Spotting Capital letters, finger spaces and full stops in sentences.

Writing for a purpose such as lists or descriptive sentences.

Writing tricky words independently.

Communication and language

Developing language through garden themed small world and role play area - a garden centre!

Learning subject specific language.

Sharing knowledge of own pets and asking questions of others.

Understanding the world:

Learning about animals within our local environment including nocturnal animals.

Learning about how human actions can impact on wildlife and how a decrease in a species can impact an eco-system.

Using the internet to find information on a variety of animals and mini beasts.

Exploring the life cycle of a caterpillar and other creatures.

Growing plants from seeds and giving them the care and attention they need to thrive.

Mathematics

This term we will be exploring the skills of:

Building numbers beyond 10, counting patterns beyond 10, spatial reasoning - match, rotate and manipulate, Addition and subtraction and spatial reasoning - composing and decomposing numbers e.g. 7 and 3 makes 10 altogether.

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We will be exploring which religious places are special and why?

Christian value: Friendship

Expressive Arts and Design

Observational drawings and paintings of flowers, plants and mini beasts/local wildlife.

Mixing colours to decorate magic beans and leaves for a beanstalk.

Personal, social and emotional development