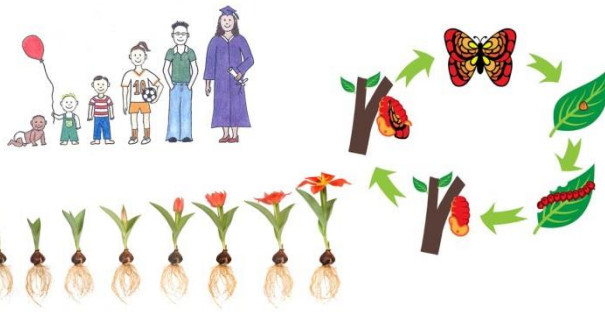


Let it grow!



Reception Spring 2

Communication and Language

We will be....

- discussing the changes we see in our caterpillars and beans
- talking about what elements plants, humans and animals need to help them to grow
- **At Home:**
- talk about the food you eat and where it comes from
- are you growing anything at home? Bring in a picture or draw a picture of it and show it to the class

The Big Idea: What grows? What does growing mean? Why does it grow? We will be exploring in detail many different living things that grow. We will be examining plants, animals and even humans! Becoming gardeners and biologists, we will explore what conditions are needed for growth, and what helps us to grow. We will discover the lifecycle of a butterfly by watching our own caterpillars change over time. We will keep a bean diary, observing the changes that take place and discussing why.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We will be....

- exploring a variety of feelings through stories
- continuing to learn how to resolve conflicts with peers independently
- preparing for an assembly each week on different emotions e.g. happy, sad, angry, jealous
- **At Home:**
- Identify how you are feeling at different times e.g. excited, tired, relaxed

Physical Development

We will be....

- continuing to dress and undress independently for PE lessons
- focusing on ball skills including throwing and catching
- **At Home:**
- practise standing on one foot, hopping and throwing/catching a ball.
- do some peg dancing using pegs in your house - choose some music to dance to!

Literacy

We will be....

- writing our own bean diary
 - labelling parts of a plant
- Non-fiction texts including: "Caterpillars and Butterflies" by Stephanie Turnbull, "Eggs and Chicks" by Fiona Patchett and "Frogs and Tadpoles" by Lorraine Horsley.
- Fiction texts: "Jasper's Beanstalk" by Nick Butterworth, "The Hungry Caterpillar" by Eric Carle, "The Crunching Munching Caterpillar" by Sheridan Cain.
- At Home:** draw and label a flower you find growing in a park

Mathematics

We will be....

- looking at 2D and 3D shapes and using mathematical language to describe them
- looking at repeated patterns and creating our own
- practising writing numbers 1-10
- **At Home:**
- do your own 3D shape hunt and record your results
- practice our number formation using different materials

Understanding the World

We will be....

- exploring different life cycles including watching our own caterpillars grow
- investigating the best conditions for growing beans
- looking at how our bodies change over time
- **At Home:**
- continue to grow your bean at home and observe how it changes

Expressive Arts & Design

We will be....

- creating and painting different types of flowers
- printing repeated patterns with 3D shapes
- using natural materials to create pictures inspired by Andy Goldsworthy

At Home: use natural materials to create your own art

