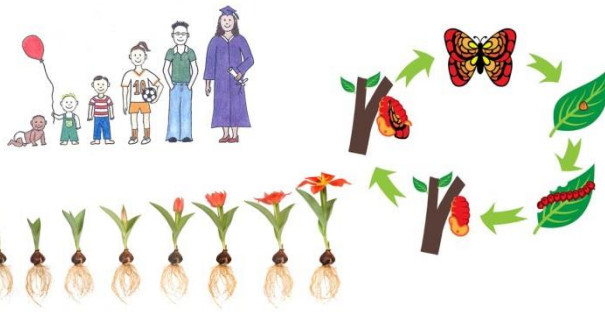


Let it grow!



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
- try growing something. Bring in a picture or draw a picture of it and show it to the class

Physical Development

We will be....

- continuing to dress and undress independently for PE lessons
- continuing to develop our 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 home!

Literacy

We will be....

- writing our own bean diary
 - labelling parts of a plant
- Non-fiction texts include: "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, "Tadpole's Promise" by Tony Ross, "The Crunching Munching Caterpillar" by Sheridan Cain.

At Home:

- draw and label a flower you find growing in a park

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

At Home:

- identify how you are feeling at different times e.g. excited, tired, relaxed

As theologians we will ask where we belong and will consider why Easter is important for Christians.

Mathematics

We will be....

- consolidating our knowledge of numbers to 10 by using number bonds and different resources such as numicon and ten frames
- exploring 3D shapes and their properties

At Home:

- find 10 objects at home, how many different ways can you group them? How many are there in each group?

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
- making still life drawings of fruits and vegetables
- printing different patterns on paper egg templates

At Home: use natural materials to create your own art