



## Phonics

Nursery: Foundational skills, sound focus *u r h b f l*

Reception: Review Phase 3 graphemes and longer words

## Literacy

Working on handwriting skills. Writing about our news, sequence story pictures, writing plant labels, instructions, making and labelling seeds packets, writing signs for Garden Centre. Naming and labelling parts of a plant.



## Book List

**Jasper's Beanstalk**  
**The Tiny Seed**  
**Katie and the Sunflower**  
**Oliver's Fruit Salad**  
**The Easter Story**

**Plus, a range of other high-quality fiction and non-fiction titles linked to the topic.**



## Maths

Reception will be subitising to 10, doubling, sorting by colour, size and function, looking at cardinality, ordinality and efficient ways to count, working on missing numbers, and consolidating understanding of composition of 5. In Nursery, maths learning will focus on fast recognition of up to 3 objects, one than/fewer than, 2D and 3D shape recognition and repeating patterns.



## Communication and Language

Develop oracy skills. Use drama and role play to imagine and create experiences in play, using dressing up clothes and props. Repeat refrains. Join in with rhymes, stories and songs linked to topic.

Ask questions. Learn new vocabulary.

## EYFS Spring 2, 2026

### How Does Your Garden

### Grow?



## PSED

Focus on self regulation – listening to and following instructions. Also, healthy eating focus (linked to food and fruits from around the world) and how nature can help keep us all calm.



## Understanding the World

Plant a bean seed. Find out about life cycles of plants, How to care for plants. Investigate different parts of a plant – what are roots/what do they do? What can we see in the school garden? Spring walk – observe seasonal changes. Identify garden birds, common plants, trees and weeds. Make rain catchers. Understand Christian celebration of Easter – look at Easter traditions. Pace egg rolling. Investigation station – planting bulbs and seeds.



## Physical Development

Daily fine motor activities to develop early writing skills to include hammering, cutting, threading, gluing, tying, manipulating, pulling, pushing, balance, strength, hand-eye coordination, jigsaw puzzles, playdough, clay, using chunky chinks, paintbrushes, water, maker pens. Dough gym. Gross motor skills - continue to work on balancing, riding (scooters, trikes and bikes) and bat and ball skills. Know and talk about different factors to support healthy lifestyles. Cosmic Yoga.



## Expressive Arts and Design

Make windmill. Observational art – drawn sunflower – link to Van Gogh. Print with cauliflower or broccoli florets, roll paint with corn on the cob. Observe movement of dandelion seeds as they blow in the wind. Create garden themed drumming area. Make Easter rabbit headbands, design Easter eggs. Make Mother's Day cards. Music and movement – action songs.