

Communication & Language

- Talk with extended vocabulary
- Listen to, and talk about, topic fiction and non-fiction texts
- Respond to two-part instructions
- Answer 'how' and 'why' questions about their experiences
- Learn topic songs & rhymes
- Describe different plants; compare & contrast; describe changes observed with growth

Literacy

- Growth themed blending and segmenting games
- To read words and simple sentences
- Writing with meaning and independently in play
- Explore rhyming strings
- Create *Reading Garden*
- Know information can be retrieved from books and computers
- Write magic plant stories & instructions to help plant growth

Maths

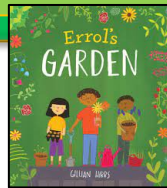
- Know number bonds to 5
- To make topic themed addition number stories to 10 (with aids)
- Recognise numbers to at least 15 – counting forwards and backwards
- Use simple language to describe time
- Know positional language using the sun, seeds and flowers

Stimuli

- Planting seeds and helping them grow
- Designing and making a *Sensory Plant Garden* and *Peter Rabbit Vegetable Garden* in our class outdoor provision area
- **Local Area:** Explore first-hand the plant life growing in the local area of our homes and schools
- **National Events:** Easter, Lent, Shrove Tuesday, and Ash Wednesday



Wonderful World of Plants



Personal Social & Emotional Development "Special Books" & "Easter Beginnings"

- To find out which books are special for different religions
- Explore differences between winter & spring, and think about why some people celebrate new beginnings at Easter
- To explore how Christians throughout the prepare for Easter

Physical Development

- *The Magic Garden Centre:* Experiment with different dances (characterised by plant growth): travelling & negotiating space successfully; responding to music & rhythms
- Put on coat and fasten independently
- Hold pencil with pincer grip and use with good control
- Begins to form recognisable letters
- Letter formation – most are correctly formed

Understanding the World

- Ask questions about and develop an understanding of growth, decay and change over time
- Investigate plant life cycles
- Know about light and dark; day and night; shadows
- Design and make sensory garden
- Using technology to record our experiences: iPads, camera, video

Creative Development

- Explore different sound patterns
- Make up rhythms
- Build *Magic Garden Centre* using junk modelling & construction materials
- Create growth dances
- Make plant/flower potions
- Make observational drawing of plants
- Design & make plant containers