

Communication and Language

We will bring our Growth theme to life each day through hands-on learning opportunities, including farm role play areas, small world farm scenes, planting and growing activities, story sessions linked to farm life, and sensory exploration with natural materials. These playful and meaningful experiences will give children plenty of opportunities to join in with repeated phrases, act out familiar farm routines, and build their confidence in listening, speaking, and taking turns with their friends.

Literacy

Through daily story sessions, repeated phrases, rhymes, and imaginative role play, the children will have many opportunities to join in with familiar refrains and language linked to the farm, such as animal sounds and simple routines like feeding animals or harvesting crops. They will notice print in books and around the environment and will explore early mark making by creating their own symbols, drawings, and early writing linked to farm experiences.

As they practise drawing simple shapes, imitating farm animals, and sometimes giving meaning to their marks, they will be developing both creativity and early communication skills.

These experiences help children grow their vocabulary, deepen their understanding of farm life, and build the foundations of early writing, all while enjoying rich, playful and meaningful literacy experiences.

Expressive Arts

The children will have opportunities to express their ideas about flowers, farm animals, and growing things using a range of media and materials, including painting, drawing, collage, and printing. Children will be encouraged to observe natural forms such as flowers, vegetables, and animals, and represent what they see through their own creative work. They will also explore colour, texture, and shape. Through music, movement, and role play, children will further develop their imagination by acting out farm routines such as planting, feeding animals, and harvesting crops.

PSHRE

In PSHRE, children will continue to develop their understanding of feelings, relationships, and how to look after themselves and others. Using the myHappyMinds programme, they will be supported to recognise and name different emotions, learn simple strategies for self-regulation, and continue to develop an understanding of what makes them unique and special. Through stories, discussion, and practical activities, children will explore how to build positive relationships, take turns, and show kindness and respect to others. They will also learn about healthy routines and making positive choices, helping them to grow in confidence, resilience, and independence in a way that is meaningful and appropriate for their age.

Summer 1 - Learning Plan

Orchids



Theme - Growth

Maths

Through practical play, the children will compare sizes of animals and objects, sort and group items such as vegetables, animals, and tools, and notice simple patterns in the farm environment. Children will also be encouraged to use language such as "more," "less," "big," and "small" as they investigate. and talk about what they can see and do. They will also explore capacity and measurement through hands-on experiences such as growing sunflowers, using different containers to water plants, and observing how much soil or water is needed as they care for living things.

Physical Development

The children will be developing their physical skills this term through warm, playful, and confidence-building movement experiences. They will strengthen their balance, coordination, and spatial awareness as they take part in activities that encourage them to keep their arms out for stability, focus their eyes ahead, and move safely and purposefully through space. Gentle guidance will support them as they learn how to slide, travel with their heads up, and move with increasing control and confidence. Alongside this, children will continue to engage in **Magic 3** activities and will be introduced to **Wiggle Whilst You Squiggle**, helping to develop their fine motor skills, hand strength, and early mark-making abilities in a fun and engaging way.

Knowledge of The World

The children will develop their understanding of the world around them through hands-on experiences. We will continue to support them as they explore the life cycles of farm animals and their young, noticing how animals grow and change over time. They will also begin to take an active role in caring for their environment, including looking after flowers, herbs, and vegetables in the growing area.

Alongside this, children will be encouraged to show curiosity and excitement when observing living things such as caterpillars and tadpoles. We will continue to build on these interests to help develop their understanding of growth, change, and caring for living things in a meaningful and engaging way.

The children will be exploring key events and celebrations from around the world in a warm and engaging way that helps them develop an early understanding of different cultures, traditions, and beliefs. Through stories, songs, crafts, and meaningful discussions, they will learn about occasions such as St George's Day.