

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Daily rules & routine

Special Person

Good hand washing - after working with soil

Scarecrow emotion cards

Area of regulation

Turn taking with gardening equipment

PSHE intervention group - turn taking / sharing

PSHE intervention group - exploring friendships.

EYFS Curriculum

Summer 2026

GROWING



Communication and Language

Core texts: The Enormous Turnip, The Scarecrows wedding, The Farm, Olivers Vegetables

New planting / growing vocabulary

Artificial and real plants to discuss size, shape colour etc.

Growing sensory bag (guess the gardening equipment)

Plant / growing photos to discuss

Home corner

Outside area

'My plant' project

Physical Development

Busy bee cut outs / Self portrait grass heads/

Healthy food - fruits and vegetables - cutting skills make a salad /

Peeling own fruit snack / Chocolate cloud playdough (soil) / Blowing

and following dandelion seeds / Parachute make the seeds (small

balls move, jump) / Moving and dancing growing songs/ Flower and

the bee (headbands) game- Dance of the bees music, when it stops

land on a flower (laminated) / 5 Little peas - hand action song

Cutting, hole punching leaves in tuff tray / Bingo dabbers - do-a-

dot growing pictures / Cutting grass with scissors (tuff tray)/

Floral scented playdough

Paper plate flowers / Art straw flowers in a colander garden /

Flower cutting skills / Green playdough grass - garlic press / Chalk

flower hop-scotch / flowers to colour

Don't forget ...

A spare change of clothes, labelled, to stay in school

Check all clothes are labelled

Named wellies to stay in school

Water bottles sent into school daily - water only

Regular Tapestry updates from school - please add

your own messages and photos for us to look at in

class

Check your parentmail account regularly

Visit our school website

Literacy

Daily pre-phonics

Cress initial letters (kitchen towel)

Role play writing opportunities

Outside sound bingo - garden edition

Gardening magazines

Fiction & non-fiction books

Initial letter leaves (to find under rice)

Drawing /writing on floral wallpaper

Planting vocabulary syllable clapping

Writing letter shapes / patterns using watering cans

Quiet outdoor reading blanket/tent

Nature themed upper/lower case letters

Initial letter pebbles

Understanding the World

EYFS trip to Low Barns Farm
Photos to discuss
Growing activities - beans, seeds bulbs, pots, outside & in Ziploc bags etc
Identifying & using your different senses when planting
Jobs on the farm
Growing carrot tops
Playing I spy outside or using photo cards
Different smelling herbs and plants
Mud painting
Herb playdough
Plant/growing pics on construction blocks
Using Magnifying glasses
Taking care of plants and animals - butterflies / tadpoles
Sharing garden with insects/birds (posters)
Spring activities

Mathematics

Numeral pebbles 0-10
One potato song
One man went to mow a meadow song
Counting petals/ flowers
Making flowers from 2D shapes
Using capacity related language such as 'full', half full/ empty', 'empty' when watering flowers with watering cans
Comparing plants and flowers using vocabulary such as 'big', 'small', 'tall', 'short', 'bigger' and 'smaller'
Counting beans and seeds
Learning about 2D shapes and their properties
How to make a number 'one more' or 'one less'
Reinforcing number recognition and counting skills

Expressive arts and design

Songs; There's a worm at the bottom of the garden, There's a tiny caterpillar, Here we go round the mulberry bush, % little peas, Mary, Mary, Round and round the garden, One potato, (see other posters)
Real flowers & plants to draw, paint
Home Corner
Wind chimes
Chocolate cloud playdough (soil)
Potato, fruit & veg printing
Mud painting
Fruit & veg puree painting
Using fruit & veg as brushes
'Waltz of the Flowers' by Tchaikovsky
IWB - Fruit and Vegetable Interactive Colouring Activity
Tree & leaf rubbings with crayons

Help at home by ...

Encourage independence: Can go to bathroom, flush toilet, wash hands and talk about good hygiene,

Developing Good Listening Skills: Taking turns in conversations, what instruments can you hear in songs?

Encourage Number Language: heavier, lighter, more, less, positional language, repeating patterns

Investigate the World Around You: Find and talk about summer, are there differences between now and spring. Can talk about their own experiences and listen to others view-points.

Move Your Body: Develop their gross motor skills by playing in the park, outside, swimming, bike riding, summer walks. Using scissors.

Developing Imagination and Creativity: put on own performance, using puppets or toys, singing, rhyming, dancing, making music with objects.

Read - EVERYDAY: reading just one book a day has a lasting impact on their development (Pan Macmillan, 2020).