

Activities to Support Home Learning Summer 2021

Whole School Theme: Awesome Earth
Class: BL
Topic: Roots, Shoots, Buckets, & Boots

Explore & Inspire

Curriculum Overview:

Throughout the summer term we are learning about our immediate environment including the natural world around us. We will be growing lots of different plants as well as fruit and vegetables and learning what they need to grow as well as the functions of their different parts (roots, flowers, stem, etc.). We will be exploring maps and creating our own map alongside our story – Lollipop and Grandpa's Back Garden Safari. We are going to be learning about the weather and how this can affect the world around us. In creative arts we will be making lots of animals and plant pictures using a wide range of techniques, as well as a musical sound scape of the safari. In Maths we will be exploring statistics, fractions, time, and money. We will be thinking about what happens at different times of the day, using coins to pay for things in our role play area, and sharing the things we make in the kitchen equally with our friends. In English we will be exploring poetry, instructions, and making our own stories and comic strips. Our PSHE themes are Relationships and Changing Me – we will be learning about how to be a good friend, what we should do when someone else isn't being a good friend, as well as about how to keep our selves safe, and how we grow up from being babies into grown-ups! We will be using the computers more and learning about how to use them for research as well as how to keep ourselves safe when using the internet.

Enrich

Core Book(s): Lollipop and Grandpa's Back Garden Safari – Penelope Harper and Cate James

We will also be reading Jim and the Beanstalk by Raymond Briggs, and an adapted sensory story of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl. We always have a range of books available in class and will be taking particular interest in factual books with a focus on gardening and plants.

Activity Ideas:

Plant Experiment

Put some seeds into pots with some soil. With one of them, put it in a dark cupboard but remember to water it. With another, put it in a dark cupboard but do not water it. With a third, leave it somewhere sunny but do not water it. With the final one, leave it somewhere sunny and remember to water it. Which of your plants grows the quickest? Do some of them not grow at all? Why do you think this is? What do plants need to help them to grow?

Plant Hunt

Go for a plant hunt! What plants can you see? What colours are they? Where do plants grow and why do you think they grow there? Have a go at drawing a map of where you have seen all the plants.

Take a Photo

Can you use a camera, or a smart phone, to take a photo? Try taking photos of different things throughout the day and use them to look back at the end of the day and talk about what you did. Why do you think people take photos? How do we keep our photos safe?

For personalised targets please refer to your child's Personalised Plan.

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Make a Pizza

Have a go at making your own pizza using your favourite toppings. Can you give someone else instructions to make your pizza? Once you've made your pizza have a go at sharing it with someone else. Try to make sure you both get an equal amount!

Flower Art

Gather some flowers or plants from the garden and tie them together with an elastic band. Use them to paint a picture instead of using a paintbrush! Do different plants make different marks on the paper?

Design an Animal

Have a look at different animals and choose your favourite parts of each. Put all your favourite parts together to make a crazy animal! Maybe you could have an elephant's nose on a slug! Or a kangaroo's legs on a pigeon!

Track the Weather

Keep a close eye on the weather outside. Does it change throughout the day? Keep a record of how many days it is sunny or raining. See if you can make a graph to show which days were the sunniest.