

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Talk to the children about looking after living creatures - respect and care for each other and animals / plants / natural world
Discuss food, water, shelter, care, exercise.
Circle time - children tell about their pets and how they care for them. (What they would like if they don't have one)
Look at life cycles - use books & pictures - what would it feel like to be one of these creatures?
Relationships - sharing/caring
Special animals (sacred, dogs for the blind, police dogs and police horses) Animal hospital role play

Physical Development

Health and self-care - growing cress to make sandwiches.
Healthy eating - sorting pictures/food.
Fill tray with beans, seeds, peas and lentils and ask children to separate them into containers using tweezers.
Races - use obstacles as appropriate.
Use 4 stages of butterfly development to create a movement sequence.
Digging/Gardening Trails/tunnels
Fine motor - cutting and tracing snail trails
Expressive movement

Communication and Language

Role play - Bird Hide / Nature expert / Vet
Making observations and recording
Describing mini beast for friend
Role play - den
Playing games with others

Growth F1 and F2

Topic Plan - 6 weeks

Dear parents/carers,
This half term in Foundation our topic is 'Growth'.

Understanding the World

People and communities
The world
Technology
Gardening
Talk about plants that grow to provide us with food & drink.
Exploring Mini beasts - Bug Hotel
Bird Hide
Growing plants - cress / vegetables
Frog spawn
Homes/Habitats
Inspecting soil in tray to find mini-beasts within
I Spy
Snails and Frog spawn
Lifecycle

Mathematics

Order numbers to 10 and 20
Counting to 10 and 20 / estimation
Complex patterns
Properties of 2D 3D shape
Comparing objects - measurement
Addition and Subtraction
Count repeated groups of the same size
Doubling
Halving



Literacy

Daily phonics
Minibeast / growing poetry
Rhymes/Songs
Incy Wincy Spider
Retelling / rewriting stories (keeping structure)
Instructions - for soup
Non-fiction - Key features / differences between information texts and story books.

Expressive Arts and Design

Make flowers (daffodils, bluebells, snowdrops etc.)
- use various materials like straws, egg boxes.
Learn sunflower song: I'm a little sunflower/Strong & tall/See my petals/ See my stalk/When I feel the sunshine I will grow/ Taller & taller and taller I go.
Observational drawings of flowers / animals / minibeasts.
Use blob and fold techniques to create symmetrical butterflies.
Making models of minibeasts - clay / dough
Singing / music / animal songs
Tidy up music
5 Little Speckled Frogs
Mini-beast songs and rhymes
Observational drawings
Mini-beast puppets
Clay snails
Butterfly shape cards
Weaving mini-beast cards
Wooden templates to draw around
Making patterns and pictures with natural material

