



**Physical Development:**

Physical Development will form part of our daily session routine, this includes free flow indoor and outdoor activities. The children will also have dough gym sessions to continue building the muscles in their hands and getting them ready for writing.

The children will create their own obstacle course using planks, tyres, crates and other natural materials we have in our outdoor area.

**Key Texts:**

Jack and the Beanstalk  
Jasper's Beanstalk  
Oliver's Vegetables  
The Very Hungry Caterpillar

**Nursery Rhymes**

Incy, Wincy Spider  
10 Little Caterpillars  
There's a worm at the bottom of the garden

**Mathematics:**

Nursery will be learning to identify and name 2D and 3D shapes correctly, through a range of hands on activities. We will discuss routes and some prepositions that help us find things and places. We have lots of games that help us with this. We are learning how to make comparisons between objects relating to size, length and capacity.

**Roots, Shoots and Muddy Boots**



**Literacy Development:**

We will be introducing the children to Read, Write, Inc Phonics with daily taught sessions, which will include Fred talk and writing our new sounds we have learnt as a group but also one to one with their key worker during the daily session. The younger children will have these sessions adapted, with a focus on rhymes and stories.

**Understanding the World:**

This half term, we are looking at growth and changes over time, particularly in the natural world. We will learn about planting, lifecycles and taking care of our natural environment. The children will get a chance to plant their own seeds and nurture them at home. We will be looking at insects and minibeasts and exploring our outside areas to see what we can find and the types of habitats that they live in.

**Expressive Arts & Design:**

Children are provided with open-ended opportunities to extend their Expressive Arts and Design experiences through role-play opportunities within the learning environments and access to a creative area where they can draw, paint and make pictures and models. We will be setting up a garden centre/cafe role play area for the children to use their imaginations in play.

**Personal, Social & Emotional Development:**

The children will be encouraged to continue making friends, solving friendship problems, helping others to feel part of the group as they join Nursery for the first time and showing respect for others' emotions. We will continue to build independence skills when dressing, toileting and using cutlery during lunchtimes.

We will also start getting our pre-school children ready for Reception; this includes looking at stories, talking about reception.

**Communication & Language:**

At the start of the term we will have a group input around our topic to see what the children already know about nature and growing. The children throughout the term will be learning new vocabulary such as; root, stem, leaf, soil, grow and change. We will have lots of discussions with the children around nature such as "What do plants need?" We want the children to express their ideas.