

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Children will continue to understand gradually how others might be feeling and how to find solutions to conflicts and rivalries within their play. They will learn how to respect and care for the world around them. As well as learning about growth in nature, children will be encouraged to think about how they have changed and grown.

### Mathematical Development

Children will be focusing on the number 5, learning to count accurately and how to represent numbers in different ways. They will then be introduced to the concept of one more and one less. The children will use real objects to see that the quantity of a group can be changed by adding more.

Children will then learn about different shapes and will be encouraged to notice and describe shapes in the environment and talk about the properties using words such as 'straight, flat, round and curved'.

### Literacy

Children will continue to experience a wide range of songs, poems and rhymes. They will continue to develop their phonological awareness, so that they can spot and suggest rhymes, count or clap syllables in a word and recognise words with the same initial sound. They will be encouraged to mark make in a range of different ways and to use some of their print and letter knowledge in their early writing.

### Additional Information

**PE:** Monday and Thursday (am)  
**Tapestry:** Please continue to share home learning and experiences via Tapestry.  
**Changing library books:** Tuesday and Friday.  
Please ensure your child has a water bottle and a healthy snack.

### Physical Development

This half term the children will learn to use large-muscle movements to develop their gross motor skills and use a comfortable grip with good control when holding pens and pencils. They will be encouraged to be increasingly independent as they get dressed and undressed, for example, putting coats on and doing up zips. Within their play, children will have opportunities to develop their fine motor skills and we will continue to do 'dough disco' and 'squiggle whilst you wiggle' every day.

### Communication and Language

Children will continue to be provided with a rich language environment as we regularly share books and encourage extended conversations about those books. We will focus on key stories, which link to our topic and will introduce the children to new vocabulary.

### Understanding of the World

During this topic, children will begin to understand the need to respect and care for their environment and all living things. They will take part in first-hand scientific exploration of animal life cycles and observe growth and decay over time. Children will plant seeds and learn to care for growing plants.

### Expressive Arts and Design

Children will continue to have regular opportunities to explore and engage with a wide range of media and materials independently. During this topic, the children will be encouraged to join different materials and explore different textures and to develop their ability to explain their creations. They will learn how to observe and draw with increasing complexity and detail, through observational drawing. The children will continue to have weekly singing and music lessons with Mrs Milner.



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