

PSED

As a whole school initiative we will continue to talk to the children about having a "Growth Mindset" and not a "Fixed Mindset". Through the use of "positive" attitudes and language we will develop the children into developing a "Growth Mindset".

Children (and adults!) with a **growth mindset** believe that intelligence and abilities can be developed through effort, persistence, trying different strategies and learning from mistakes. On the other hand, people with a **fixed mindset** believe that our intelligence and abilities are fixed traits; something that you are born with and that you can't really do anything about.

Literacy

The children will continue to learn how to read and write through blending and segmenting during phonics sessions.

During our "Growing" topic we will be looking at a range of fiction and non-fiction books that give us information about growing. Some of the fiction books that we will look at include: "The Enormous Turnip" and "Jack and the Beanstalk"

The children will explore and extend their knowledge through story mapping, role-play and writing.

Physical

In PE the children will continue to learn about how their bodies are affected by exercise through warm-up games.

This half term the children will be exploring "dance". The children will learn how to keep rhythm along with copying and creating sequences of movements to music. Dance will be explored through different genres/styles of music.

Communication and Language

We will continue to develop our communication through speaking and listening activities that take place in class at circle times. We will be learning new vocabulary related to our "Growing" topic.

Maths

In our maths the children will continue to count and recognise numbers to 20. We will say the number that is one more and one less than numbers to 20. The children will continue to consolidate their addition and subtraction skills through games.

The children will also start to look at doubling as an opposite to halving which the children looked at last half term.

We will continue to learn about time - reading the time to the hour and half hour. The children will also continue to look at money by buying items at a "shop" using pretend money.

Understanding of the World

The children will continue to learn how to use computers. They will use the program "Simple City" - learning how to select different tools and functions along with developing their skills using a touch pad.

The children will have the opportunity to plant seeds in the outside area. They will learn how to look after them, along with potatoes that have already been planted. The children will learn about the life cycle of a sunflower by planting their own. The children will also follow the life cycle of a butterfly from caterpillar to cocoon to butterfly.

Expressive Arts and Design

Through our theme of "Growing" the children will create various crafts through a range of activities either adult led or independently.

Activities may include painting, junk modelling and role-play.

Reception "Growing"



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