

Our Topic this half term is **Growing**

### **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

Through our topic this half term we will continue to learn how to be independent by selecting and using equipment safely for growing. We will also be learning how to look after plants and animals to help they grow safe and strong.

You could help your child by encouraging them to become independent when dressing and undressing.

### **Communication and Language**

As part of our topic we will be sharing both fiction and non-fiction books about different types of plants, animals and mini-beasts. We will discuss our observations of changes in our environment.

You could help your child by talking about the different types of flowers, plants or trees you see on your way to school.

### **Literacy**

As part of our topic this half term we will be writing a bean diary. We will also be writing instructions on how to look after live animals. We will be reading lots of non-fiction books to help us find out different facts about plants, mini-beasts and chickens.

You could help your child at home by helping them learn the kite challenge words and weekly spellings

### **Mathematics**

As part of our topic on growing this half term we will use language such as big and little; tall and short; and taller and shorter to describe and compare size. We will be learning how to measure ourselves and keep a record of our growth. We will continue to develop our skills of adding and subtracting numbers to 20. We will also be learning to count in 2's, 5's and 10's.

You could help your child by comparing the height of people in your family. Can they order objects by length?

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### **Understanding of the World**

As part of our topic your child will be learning lots of things about growing and change over time. We will be looking at plants, animals and ourselves. Spring has now arrived and we will be using all our senses to investigate the changes in our environment, as well as planting and caring for our own seeds. We will be growing lots of food which we can eat next half term. Watch out for our surprise visitors who will be arriving at the end of April!

You could help your child by talking about your environment at home and notice the changes in the trees and plants around them.

### **Creative Development**

This half term your child will be learning how to make 3D pictures. We will also be constructing homes for our visitors to be comfortable. In music we will be using our imagination to create sounds and movement to accompany stories. We will also be acting different stories we have read.

### **Physical Development**

As part of our topic we will be working in our digging area. This will give your child the opportunity to develop their gross motor skills and strength as well as learning how to use equipment safely. We will be investigating living things using all our senses and then using a variety of tools and techniques to recreate what we find. We will be doing weekly PE lessons, so please make sure your child's PE kit is in school. This term we will be practising races for our sports day.

Thank you for all the WOW moments I have received and put in your child's learning journey. Don't forget, if you have any WOW moments at home (this could be a photograph, a drawing or something your child has made), please email or bring them in [Rmacdonald@blowers.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:Rmacdonald@blowers.dudley.sch.uk)

Thank you for your support.