

Growing

SUMMER 1

What your child is learning this half term, and how you can help at home.

OUR CLASS STORY

The Extraordinary Gardener

by Sam Boughton

Joe plants one seed and turns his grey town into a colourful garden. Children plant their own seeds, write instructions and tell a story of change.

WE'LL ALSO SHARE

The Tiny Seed (Eric Carle); *Plant the Tiny Seed*; *Lola Plants a Garden*; *Superworm*; rhymes such as Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary

Reading and writing

WORDS WE'RE PRACTISING (LITTLE WANDLE)

frog stamp splash crunch jumped fastest

Tricky words: said, have, like, so, do, some, come, love, were, there, little, one, when, out, what, says, here, today

- Reading words with two or three consonants together
- Writing two sentences in a row that others can read
- Writing instructions with first, then, next

Talking and listening

- Back-and-forth conversations
- Explaining why things happen
- Talking about past, present and future

Feelings and friendships

- Families and the jobs we do at home
- Making friends and sorting out falling-outs
- Using calm-me time to manage big feelings
- Who to tell if something online feels wrong

Moving and making

- Throwing, catching and climbing
- Using garden tools and a knife safely
- Handwriting: getting letter sizes right

Maths

- Counting on and back; numbers to 20
- Doubling and halving
- Odd and even numbers; sharing fairly
- Remembering number bonds to 10

Our world

- What plants need; how trees change
- Castles long ago; different kinds of homes
- How new babies are welcomed in different faiths
- Making picture quizzes on the computer

Art and music

- Designing and making a rainbow salad
- Playing a short tune: C, D, E
- Loud and quiet; following a conductor

How you can help at home

1. Grow something together: cress, a bean or a sunflower.
2. Read the words on seed packets and shop signs.
3. Halve and share snacks fairly: "Is that the same?"
4. Count on from a number: "What is 3 more than 12?"
5. Talk about how to make up after a falling-out.

Out and about

- Growing and planting on the allotment
- Visiting our tree to see how it has changed
- A castle visit or castle day

OUR VALUES THIS HALF TERM

Respect

Forgiveness

Integrity