

Children's ideas about The Natural World include:

- *Mini-beasts
- *Seeds
- *Fruit
- *Plants and flowers
- *Weather
- *Gardens, forests, woods and camping
- *Wild animals like foxes

Communication, Language and Literacy Development

Read and discuss a range of information and story books related to the natural world.
Acting in our role play areas.
Talking about what we see in school and at home.

Adult led outcome:

To create an information book.

Knowledge and Understanding of the World

Exploring seasonal changes in the weather.
Sorting living and non-living things.
Naming the parts of a flower.
Growing cress seeds.

Adult led outcome:

To create a seed diary.

The Natural World

Problem Solving, Reasoning and Numeracy

Counting petals, flowers and leaves.
Exploring patterns in nature.
Measuring and ordering sizes of plants.

Physical Development

Explore healthy and unhealthy foods and to know where fruit and vegetables come from.
Use gardening tools for digging, planting and watering in the EYU garden.

Creative Development

Recreate roles and experiences in the role play areas (garden centre/ flower shop)
Use natural materials (seeds, leaves, clay) in a range of creative contexts.

Child initiated outcomes:

- Collages
- Sculpture work
- Painting / printing
- Card making for Mother's Days / special people

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Caring for our natural world - looking after mini-beasts, our school and the environment.
Developing responsibilities and independence within the EYU - looking after resources and tidying them away, watering plants in the garden.

How you can help at home

- Reading every day and filling in your reading diary.
- Reception children have PE on Tuesdays or Wednesdays.
- We change our books on Mondays and Thursdays. If you would like to change your child's book more often you can do this any other day after school.
- Talk to your child about what they can see on the way to and from school.
- We always need old boxes and empty containers to use in our junk modelling area.

Events

Chinese ribbon dancing - Monday 1st March
Dog visit - Thursday 11th March
Parents' evening - Thursday 18th March
Parents' show - Tuesday 30th March
Local walks: flower shop.
Trip to a natural area (to be arranged)