

Nursery children's ideas about 'The Natural World' include: "animals and trees"

Communication, Language & Literacy Development

- Talking about the environment
- Finding out information from non-fiction books about the Natural World
- Listening to stories about growing
- Acting out experiences in the role play areas

Child-led outcomes:

- To independently use books to find information

Physical Development

- Finding out about healthy foods - fruit and vegetables
- Using gardening tools for planting/ watering plants
- Exploring ropes, bats and balls

Adult-led outcomes:

- To be able to use equipment safely

Child-led outcomes:

- To be able to talk about healthy foods

Knowledge & Understanding of the World

- Exploring mini-beasts in the garden
- Looking at seasonal changes (weather / trees)
- Local walks (Mondays)
- Planting bulbs
- Growing cress seeds
- Making flower pots

Adult-led outcomes:

- To understand what plants need to grow

Child-led outcomes:

- To find mini-beasts and name them

Problem Solving, Reasoning & Numeracy

- Counting and sorting flowers, leaves, petals...
- Creating shape pictures
- Exploring money in role play areas

Child-led outcomes:

- To say the number names and identify shapes

The Natural World
~ for Nursery children

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

- Caring for our environment
- To express our feelings in appropriate ways

Adult-led outcome:

- To understand that plants are living things and need to be cared for

Creative Development

- Exploring natural materials through printing / collage / rubbings
- Role play in the garden centre, flower shop, pet shop and mini-beasts area
- Exploring the sounds that instruments make
- Moving bodies in response to music

Child-led outcomes:

- To use actions and words to imagine and recreate experiences in role play areas
- To be able to express themselves through creative activities

Events

- ❖ Your child needs trainers for outdoor PE: (Sun- Mondays) (Rainbow – Tuesdays) (Star – Thursdays)
- ❖ Parents evening (all children) – Thursday 24th March
- ❖ INSET day – Friday 1st April
- ❖ Parent show – Thursday 7th April

How you can help at home

- ✓ Read with your children and complete their reading diary together, this may win them a certificate! Look on the parent's information board for more information.
- ✓ Bring book bags into school on Mondays and Thursdays to change books.
- ✓ 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