

Reception children's ideas about 'The Natural World' include:

"Different places like farm, jungle, different countries like Bangladesh, animals, trees and the whole wide world".

Communication, Language & Literacy
Development

- Talking about the environment
- Finding out information from non-fiction books
- Reading new words linked to the theme
- Acting out experiences in the role play areas

Adult-led outcomes:

- Publish a collaborative information book about the Natural World

Problem Solving, Reasoning & Numeracy

- To explore symmetry in the environment
- To measure and compare plants / flowers

Child-led outcomes:

- To be able to compare objects / shapes in the environment

Creative Development

- Designing and making 3D sculptures of plants
- Role play in the garden centre, flower shop, pet shop and mini-beasts area
- Changing sounds that instruments make
- Moving bodies in response to music

Adult-led outcomes:

- To learn about shape, texture and form through 3D work

Child-led outcomes:

- To use words to imagine and recreate experiences

Physical Development

- Finding out about healthy foods - fruit and vegetables
- Using gardening tools for planting/ watering plants
- Exploring the use of apparatus
- Developing skill when using ropes, bats and balls

Adult-led outcomes:

- To be able to use equipment / apparatus with control

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
- Designing flower pots

Adult-led outcomes:

- To understand what plants need to grow

Child-led outcomes:

- To identify mini-beasts and describe them

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

The Natural World
~ for Reception children

Events

- ❖ Indoor PE – every Tuesday or Thursday. PE kits are needed to be kept in school.
- ❖ Parents evening – 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