



June 2022

Dear Parents and Careers,

I hope you all had a lovely half term and enjoyed the Platinum Jubilee Bank Holidays.

Our topic this term is 'In the Garden', which hopefully will bring the nice weather so we can explore. Through this topic, we will be exploring different gardens from our own (please send pictures) to the traditional English gardens, as well as, gardens from different countries. Looking at how these have changed over time. We will also be learning about what plants need to grow, the lifecycle of different plants, and having a go at growing and caring for our own. We will also be learning about a range of different minibeasts, their life cycle, habitats, and what they need to survive. We will be setting up a garden centre role play area and a garden area outside for children to develop and explore their learning further through play. We are also looking to organise a visit to Belton House to explore their formal and traditional gardens and also to complete minibeast hunts in a range of different settings. We will be sharing a range of fiction and non-fiction books on gardens and minibeasts to support our understanding of books, and the learning of topic vocabulary.

As part of the Sky Arts challenge children will be completing some planned activities based on movement and will later be using the skills learned to create their own dances based on the movement of minibeasts. We will also continue to develop key physical skills including hopping, skipping, running, and jumping. Along with improving gross and fine motor skills through a wide range of activities.

We will also develop our creative skills through drawing, painting, and creating pictures of gardens supported by a range of pictures including Monet's Garden. We will turn our hands to designing and making our own bug hotels and we will be creating a range of minibeasts using many creative resources.

PE will take place on Monday and Wednesday afternoons it is therefore important that all children have the appropriate PE kit in line with the school uniform policy.

Although Covid restrictions have now ended we will still continue to do all we can to maintain the safety of children in our care. There will be plenty of reminders about the washing of hands as well as keeping fingers away from our mouths and noses.

Please do not hesitate to email if you need to check anything or have any questions.

Many Thanks

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