



Our topic this half term is "Plants"

The following is a run down of how we will be exploring this topic within the areas of learning.

Understanding English, Communication and Language

Communication group: focusing upon turn taking, listening to others, cooperating and interacting with peers, situational language and making predictions and inferences.

Introduce and explore new vocabulary linked to plants.

Individual Literacy I.E.P targets.

Listening to and discussing stories linked to our topic.

Writing for different purposes: labels, diaries, recounts, captions, instructions, commands.

Mathematical Understanding

Individual maths I.E.P targets.

Time: Seasons, days of the week, months of the year telling the time on an analogue and digital clock. Measures (Standard and non-standard units) and collecting and analysing data.

Scientific and Technological understanding

Exploring living and non-living things.

Observe, name and investigate a variety of plants; label parts of a plant.

Investigate conditions that different plants need to grow in.

Investigate a variety of seeds and learn about germination.

Explore plant reproduction and how leaves make food for plants.

Observe and investigate plants found in our local environment: Visit to Brocks Hill environmental centre.

Grow a variety of plants: beans, sunflowers, carrots, cress

Cooking sessions based around plants that we eat.



Historical, Geographical and Social understanding

Naming plants and trees found in our local environment.

Exploring our environment: school grounds and grounds in Brocks Hill

Country Park (Oadby) Learning how to care for our environment.



Understanding the Arts

Children will be exploring a range of techniques; creating with 2d and 3d media. They will practise real life painting and sketching of plants and flowers using a range of paint, charcoal, pastels and pencils. Children will be creating collages from seeds, paper and cardboard and will use their hands and fingers to print and paint flowers and plants.

Understanding Physical Development, Health and Well-being

All of the children will be swimming on Thursday afternoons at Bosworth Academy, we start on Thursday 27th April, our last session will be Thursday 6th July.

Dance: Let's Move, weekly dance sessions to respond creatively to stories based around plants. The children will continue to have an SAQ (speed, agility and quickness) session on Tuesdays, ran by an external coach to develop fundamental movement skills.

P.E days are Tuesdays and Wednesdays: Please can your child have their P.E kit at school. Can you also ensure all clothing including footwear is clearly named.

Swimming is on Thursdays where they will need a towel and trunks (Please ensure this is named).

R.E

We are learning about morals and ethics and this half term we will be exploring a range of religions including Christianity, Sikhism and Islam. We will be listening and discussing a range of stories that focus upon honesty, being fair, responsible and kind.

Just a reminder...snacks are available twice a day and which we provide at a cost of £2.00 per week. Please can you send the money in with your child on a Monday. If, however you would prefer to send your child with snacks from home then please send these in daily with a drink

We will be cooking this term based around plants that you can eat, please can you send in a £5.00 contribution towards the cost of the ingredients.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 22nd May: visit to Brocks Hill Country Park - letter to follow shortly

The daily diaries are a great way to communicate and we encourage you to keep writing in them to inform us of any special things your child has done or how they have been. However, please feel free to contact us at school if you have any concerns, or just want to talk about your child.

Appeal: We desperately need empty cleaned out yogurt pots and glass jars to grow plants in. If you have any spare, please recycle them to us! Thanks



We are looking forward to this term and thank you for your continued support.

The Rocket Team

Louise, Pauline, Sue, Rose, Tracy & Karla

