

We hope you have had a good Easter holiday and are ready for a busy half-term! Our next topic is Let's Grow! We will be learning about gardening and minibeasts. We will be launching our topic by planting a class sunflower and watching it grow. Our landing will be watching caterpillars turn into butterflies and releasing them into the wild.

Physical Development

- Fundamental Movement skills with STOW Sport
- Dance

Expressive Arts and Design

- Music theme is "Growth and change" which focuses on dynamics
- Explaining how to mix secondary colours
- Learning how to hold a paintbrush correctly
- Creating different brush strokes

Learning Values

M - Motivation: learn about caring for the environment

E - Excellence: to share what we have learnt with visitors to our classrooms

R - Respect: to care for our minibeasts in school and outside

T - Teamwork: to work together to look after our class plants

O - Opportunities: to watch caterpillars turn into butterflies

N - Never Give Up: to keep trying when learning new skills with our sport's coach

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Understanding the World

- Finding out about different fruits and vegetables
- Caring for minibeasts in the classroom and outside
- Growing a variety of plants
- Growing a grass head
- Learning about healthy foods and having a balanced diet

Merton Mission

- **Do it:** Take a runner bean plant home and watch it grow
- **Make it:** Make a salad using different types of fresh produce
- **Read it:** Read rhyming books and bring your favourite one into school
- **Visit:** A garden centre to look at the different plants

Maths

- Understand that two equal groups can be called a 'double' and connect this to finger patterns
- Sort odd and even numbers according to their 'shape'
- Continue to develop their understanding of the counting sequence
- Order numbers and play track games
- Join in with verbal counts beyond 20, hearing the repeated pattern within the counting numbers
- Continue to develop their counting skills, counting larger sets as well as counting actions and sounds

Literacy

- Completing rhyming strings
- Finding rhyming words in books
- Writing lists
- Writing sentences
- Learning Phase 3 digraphs and CEW (shown below)

• Reading Julia Donaldson books

Please continue to help your child by sharing their reading book and by practising their key words and sounds at home daily