



Theme	Literacy	Phonics
The Reception unit this term is “Growing and Changing”. The children will have opportunities to observe how plants and animals develop through planting seeds, nurturing eggs which will hatch into chicks and learning about the lifecycles of butterflies and frogs. The children will role play running and shopping at a garden centre and farmer’s market, as well as quietly looking for native British animals through the seasons in our classroom nature reserve and library.	In Reception, children will discover information from a range of fiction and non-fiction texts such as “The Tiny Seed”, “Tree” and “Oliver’s Vegetables”. They will continue to practice letter recognition and phonics by identifying the sounds in growth related words such as “seed” and “chick”. Writing activities will focus on creating simple sentences about the unit, for example writing about how a cress seed grows.	Read, Write Inc Phonics and Daily Supported Reading Children will continue to have daily streamed phonics and reading lessons. Please ensure they are reading for 20 minutes every evening and this is being recorded in their reading records. Children will be reassessed for their levels towards the end of the term.
Religious Education	Mathematics	Music
Christianity: What is so special about Easter? Week 1: What was the donkey’s special job? Week 2: What was special about Jesus’ meal with his friends? Week 3: Why did Jesus go to a special garden? Week 4: Why is the cross special? Week 5: What is special about the stone? Week 6: What is so special about Easter?	Reception children will explore growth-themed Math concepts, such as the different ways in which time is measured and composition to 10. They will engage in activities that build on their knowledge of addition and subtraction by counting plants, animals and characters from associated stories. Hands-on activities will help children develop a strong understanding of numbers and 3D shape.	In “Rhymes, Poems and Songs Old and New”, Reception children continue their exploration of singing through traditional rhymes and songs both traditional and new. With a focus on singing familiar nursery rhymes, children delve deeper into understanding rhyme and memorising simple songs. They learn to use percussion instruments to enhance their performance fostering musical expression and vocal confidence.
Understanding the World	Expressive Arts and Design	Personal, Social, Emotional Development
Children will learn about plant and animal growth and change by observing the natural world around them as Spring develops. They will also access books and videos to explore the factors including habitat, light and water that influence where lifeforms are found.	Children will represent plants, animals and objects from real life through observational art work and collage. They will use works by Van Gogh, Lowry and Hundertwasser as inspiration for their creations. Through role play and creative arts, children will express their ideas, constructing a nature-themed class mural.	In Reception, children will explore teamwork through written and creative tasks to explore the life cycles of some creatures and plants, emphasizing cooperation and communication. Taking turns to water and care for plants, and discussing what the different types of plant need to grow will help children develop their understanding of life processes.
Physical Development	Communication and Language	Trips and Visits
Reception children will engage in activities that develop coordination and balance, and enhance their understanding of how animals move and plants grow. They will practice fine motor skills by drawing and labelling plants, animals, cross sections of fruits and vegetables.	Reception children will engage with books like “The Tiny Seed” by Eric Carle and “Oliver’s Vegetables” by Vivian French and Alison Bartlett, discussing key vocabulary related to growth and food plants. Through story retelling, discussions, and role-play, children will develop their speaking and listening skills.	St Philip’s Service—3rd March 2025 St Barnabas Service—3rd April 2025