



Brougham Foundation Stage Nursery Newsletter - Summer

Our Topic this term is – How does your Garden Grow?

Some ideas of how to support your child's learning:-

Language and Communication Literacy

- ✓ Talk about our country and different celebrations – St George's Day, May Day and Father's Day
- ✓ Talk about different plants that the children spot when out and about
- ✓ Learn how to plant seeds and bulbs reading instructions on seed packets
- ✓ Complete letter sound homework (September school starters only)
- ✓ Write own name and practise letter formation (September school starters only)
- ✓ Visit the library and borrow fact and fiction books about plants, animals and minibeasts

Mathematics

- ✓ Recognise numbers 0-5, 5-10 then 10-20
- ✓ Count to 10 – use different voices, count steps/jumps etc
- ✓ Notice shapes in the environment as you walk to and from school
- ✓ Go on a plant hunt; drawing and counting what you find
- ✓ Name 2D shapes (square, circle, triangle, rectangle...) and 3D shapes (cube, cylinder, cuboid, sphere...)

Understanding the World

- ✓ Bake scones and talk about May Day
- ✓ Visit the local park and talk about the flowers and insects that you see
- ✓ Encourage your child to look after their garden
- ✓ Talk about changes in season i.e. colours, weather, clothes
- ✓ Use the internet with your child to find out about flowers, insects and animals – Cbeebies has lots of information

Expressive Arts and Design

- ✓ Draw pictures of insects, flowers and animals
- ✓ Create maps of your garden or favourite places to visit i.e. the park
- ✓ Make 3D models of insects and flowers out of junk
- ✓ Create and listen to stories about insects and flowers

Physical Development

- ✓ Talk about living a healthy lifestyle, e.g. eating healthy foods, having a set bedtime routine and keeping themselves clean
- ✓ Dig your garden and make bug homes
- ✓ Plant seeds and bulbs
- ✓ Learn to fasten laces, put on and fasten coats
- ✓ Learn how to dress with a little support

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- ✓ Share experiences from school each day
- ✓ Talk about sharing and being a kind to other children and family members
- ✓ Please feel free to bring things of interest in to show us, we would all really enjoy this, or encourage your child to share special news!