

Benfieldside Early Years Unit



What will the Early Years
Children be learning about
this half term?

Our Topic this Half Term is: "Living Things"

Below is an overview of what we plan to cover with the Early Years Children this half term. All of our Early Years children (Nursery and Reception) will be developing skills through the same topic but the activities will be delivered at a level appropriate to their age and stage of development. We plan all of our activities around the seven areas of learning, but our children also initiate their own learning through free choice activities and we do try to follow the children's interests, therefore our planning is flexible and subject to change.

Personal, Social & Emotional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Settling back into Early Years Unit • Sharing Information about Easter Holidays • Discuss how to care for plants • Belonging to a family and special groups • Feelings and friendships • Understanding right and wrong & sharing
Communication, Language & Literacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read, Write Inc. and Letters and Sounds activities to promote communication, literacy and language skills.. • Reception children will be developing letter formation and blending and segmenting sounds/words and begin to develop sentences • Big Talk- discuss photographs of plants/flowers/Spring • 'The red ripe strawberry and big hungry bear' -Retell story and sequence • Acrostic Poem for word Sunflower • Investigate size through story 'Titch' • Discuss settings & characters in stories. • Read 'Jack and the Beanstalk' & 'Jasper's Beanstalk' stories and discuss differences in characters and settings. • Discuss beginning, middle and endings of stories
Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shape 2D and 3D • Number Recognition/ordering/formation • Size and measure • Practical activities using addition and subtraction • Develop counting skills • Creating patterns using colour

Understanding of the World	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare garden area for planting • Learn about Plant Life Cycle • Plant vegetable seeds • Grow cress in shapes (soil/cotton wool) • Investigate what plants need to grow • Plant sunflowers and care for them • Grow Broad Beans—Link to CLL Jack & the Beanstalk story • Put Celery/Carnation flowers in coloured water and observe what happens and discuss why.
(ICT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use new ICT equipment (Ipads, Easi speak, metal detectors) • Use shapes to make flowers on computer • Digital Cameras • Sequence Plant Life Cycle (My World Programme) • Create a Sunflower picture on colour magic Programme
Physical Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apparatus • Obstacle Courses • Ball Games • Bean game • Colour Games • Dance • Outdoor Play • Forest School
Creative Development (Music/Drama)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make junk Model Plants/flowers • Make Clay Fruit using moulds • Create Van Gough Sunflower pictures/collage • Make tissue flowers • Jack and the Beanstalk display • Experiment with Colour mixing • Our Home corner will become a Garden Centre & Florists • Musical Instruments