

## **Year 1 Curriculum Overview – Spring term (1)**

**Our topic this term is:** Growth and Green Fingers

### **English**

In English we will be reading classic stories related to our topic of plants and growth. The key text we will be focusing on is 'The enormous turnip'. The children will have the opportunity to make predictions and develop their descriptive writing skills. The children will innovate their own version of the story. We will also be learning to write instructions. The children will explore the features of instructions such as a what you will need list, adverbs of time and imperative verbs. We will sing traditional rhymes and identify rhyming words within the rhymes such as Mary, Mary.

### **Maths**

We will teach addition and subtraction within 20 and number place value (within 50). We will count forwards and backwards within 50 and order numbers within 50. They will continue counting on in 2s and 5s. We will continue using strategies such as counting on from 10 to add numbers. The children will use the crossing 10 strategy to subtract numbers.

### **Theme :**

The majority of the 'Growth and green fingers' topic work will be Science, Design & Technology and Art & Design.

### **Science**

In Science we will explore parts of plants and identify their functions. We will also learn about what plants need to grow. The children will have the opportunity to observe trees and how they change during different seasons.

### **Design & Technology**

In Design & Technology we will develop our food vocabulary using our senses (taste, smell and feel). We will group familiar food products for example fruit and vegetables. The children will have the opportunity to cut, peel, grate and chop ingredients. The children will make a food product such as fruit salad and use the appropriate language to explain the steps.

### **Art & Design**

In Art & Design the children will get an opportunity to draw, print and paint. We will observe plants and flowers to extend our learning in Science. The children will explore the work of famous artists such as William Morris and others who used flowers and gardens as a theme.