

# Woodpecker Hall Academy Learning Web – 3-4 Nursery Summer 1: In the Garden

## Force for positive change:

To plant our own beanstalks and care for them over the half-term.

**Key dates:** 22<sup>nd</sup> April Finches trip to Forty Hall, 29<sup>th</sup> April Bluejays trip to Forty Hall, 22<sup>nd</sup> May – INSET Day, Bank Holiday - 4<sup>th</sup> May

### Communication and Language:

We will be developing the children's abilities to speak about our learning using topic specific vocabulary. We will also be learning a range of songs that will underpin and support our learning, these will be: I'm a little bean song, Tiny caterpillar on a leaf song, Ring a ring o roses, One potato, two potato, three potato more, Ten little vegetables jumping on the bed, There's a worm at the bottom of the garden, Mary Mary quite contrary, The farmer plants the seed t. We will be working on being able to listen to longer stories and remember much of what happens. Children will be encouraged to speak using longer sentences and we will develop our understanding of how to answer how and why questions.

### Personal, Social & Emotional:

This half-term the children will continue to develop their ability to self-regulate and understand the different emotions they feel. We will encourage the children to express themselves in positive ways and be mindful of others. The children will continue to strengthen the friendships they have developed and we will encourage them to foster good relationships with all their peers. The children will also become more confident asking questions both during learning time and child initiated play. We will talk about making healthy choices when eating, linking this to our story 'Oliver's Vegetables' and reinforcing the need for a balanced and varied diet.

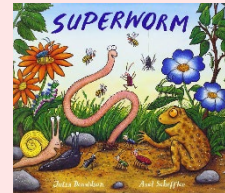


### Physical:

We will continue to develop the children's fine and gross motor skills this half-term. The children's fine-motor skill will be developed through a variety of engaging activities that focus on the different skills such as; cutting and threading. For their gross motor skills, the children will engage in large movement based activities outside and during P.E. We will explore the different ways that minibeasts can move and try to replicate these movements e.g. wiggling like a worm. In P.E. with Mr May, the children will be exploring gymnastics. The children will develop different ways to move and will become more confident using different types of apparatus.

### Literacy:

This term we will be using both Fiction and Non-Fiction stories to explore our understanding of our topic, In the Garden. We will be reading the following books: Jasper's beanstalk by Nick Butterworth, The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle, Ways Into Science: All About Plants by Peter Riley, Oliver's Vegetables by Alison Bartlett and Vivian French, Superworm by Julia Donaldson, Ten Seeds by Ruth Brown. Children will be encouraged to stories using props and use full sentences to share thoughts. Children will be working on writing some letters in their name and giving meaning to marks they make.



### Spanish:

In Spanish this half-term, the children will be developing their understanding of Spanish vocabulary. We will be learning the names of some different minibeast and also some names of plants.



### Maths:

The children will continue to develop their understanding of number, being able to count fluently to ten and begin to recognise many of the numbers. They will be able to play with numbers, thinking about the quantity, difference and comparable nature of numbers. Children will begin to make own marks to represent numbers. We will be focusing on measuring in different ways; exploring length, size and compacity. We will also be exploring 2D shapes and talking about properties of shapes; triangle, square, circle, rectangle.

### Expressive Art and Design:

We will focus on Henri Matisse's famous artwork, 'The Snail', and use our skills to replicate it using a variety of different materials. During free play children will have access to a range of different materials to explore using all their senses to investigate them. We will be working on using small world equipment e.g. animals and dolls houses to roleplay and retell stories. Children will begin to develop their creative skills by using shapes to represent objects. In music Mr Merrit-Hall will be teaching the children a range of songs linked to our topic.



### Understanding the World:

This half-term the children will be exploring the variety of things that can be found in a garden. We will name a wide variety of minibeast and start to name so of their body parts. The children will also begin to explore how to look after plants and the different things plants need to grow. The children will plant their own beans and watch them grow over the half-term.

