

PSED

- * Talk about the changes in the environment, what is happening to the plants, flowers, trees and weather
- * Talk about new life, mini beasts and baby animals.
- * Talk about how we are kind to trees and plants and we don't pick wild flowers because the bees and butterflies need them.
- * Talk about what plants need to grow

Communication and Language

- * New language, bulbs, seeds, compost, roots, stem, leaves, pollination
- * Look at and read spring themed books both fact and fiction, the Tiny Seed by Eric Carle on Youtube
- * Talk about the changes in the environment and talk about new life, baby animals and what plants need to grow
- * Sing the planting songs and rhymes Nicola put on Facebook.

Physical Development

- * Gardening sensory tray with compost, gardening tools, pots, seeds/beans and labels
- * Take a walk to the walled gardens and woods to look at new plants growing and blossom on the trees
- * Puddle Jumping
- * Make daisy chains
- * Collect things to make potions and perfumes with such as petals, water and leaves
- * Prepare the vegetable patches and butterfly garden, dig over, weed, plant seeds and water with watering cans



Spring and Growing Home Learning

Literacy

- * Write Spring words to add to your drawings and colouring pictures
- * Look at gardening magazines (if you have some)
- * Read the story Jack and the Beanstalk or look at the story being read on YouTube
- * Look at the Tiny Seed by Eric Carle (YouTube)
- * Share Spring and mini beast related stories both fact and fictional
- * Draw pictures of a flower and label the parts

Maths

- * Measure the plants we grow
- * Compare sizes of plants and animals
- * Grow plants and measure and chart them
- * Play a number sorting game where beans/seeds are placed in numbered plant pots
- * Number stones/pebbles and hide them in the garden to find

Expressive Arts and Design

- * Make blossom pictures with tissue paper and twigs
- * Make daffodil pictures with paper and egg cups
- * Gather daisies, grass, leaves, and petals to make nature pictures
- * Make Spring Chicks with toilet rolls
- * Make lamb pictures with cotton wool
- * Draw pictures of flowers/ colour in pictures of flowers
- * Make a bee with paper plates and paint or coloured card
- * Look on Pinterest for more craft ideas
- * Rainbow pictures

Understanding the world

- * Plant seeds ready for the vegetable patch and butterfly garden
- * Talk about what a plant needs to grow
- * Grow beans in jars and watch it shoot, root and grow
- * Look for plants outside and look them up on the computer
- * Look at pictures of the types of plants, mini beasts, trees and baby animals.
- * Look at a life cycle of a seed on YouTube
- * Talk about spring time and the changes to our environment
- * Talk about the different weather we have in spring, hot sunny, raining, rainbows

Ideas and Links for Our Spring and Growing Topic

Nicola singing the digging song <https://www.facebook.com/nicola.setford.5/videos/10156932377552797/>

The professionals singing the digging song <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xJUI-hMUdvk>

The Tiny Seed by Eric Carle read aloud <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kZITrzoK4c>

The life cycle of a flower https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CIZyJZ_YSjE

Spring Chick craft <https://www.pinterest.co.uk/pin/344877283964229785/>

Trace the lines to the flowers <https://www.pinterest.co.uk/pin/344877283946603273/>

Daffodil craft <https://www.pinterest.co.uk/pin/491596115557722194/>

Free flower colouring sheets <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t-t-5689-flowers-colouring-sheets>

Bee craft <https://www.pinterest.co.uk/pin/411094272235649912/>

Use Pinterest and Twinkl for more ideas and printable pictures

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/>