

Donaldson Class Term 4: Growing

Personal Social and Emotional Development

We will be...

- Talking about ourselves and what we have learnt to do since we were babies
- Thinking about the learning powers that we need to help us learn new things
- Talking about what we are good at doing
- Following our class rules
- Sharing what we have done at school with each other, commenting on our own and others work
- Caring for each other and our environment, including our growing plants and chicks

Communication and Language

We will be...

- Listening to lots of stories and predicting what might happen next
- Practising speaking in full sentences, for example when describing the changes that we can see in growing plants and animals
- Asking and answering 'what?', 'where?' and 'who?' questions and beginning to respond to 'how?' and 'why?' questions too

Physical Development

We will be...

- Moving in a variety of ways e.g. when climbing on the climbing equipment
- Practising throwing and catching balls
- Practising using tools such as scissors and our hands to create 2D and 3D work
- Practising holding a pencil to draw circles, and lines and practising writing our names
- Having 'Funky Fingers' sessions each day

Literacy

We will be...

- Taking part in lots of rhyming and rhythmic activities, for example playing rhyming bingo and clapping the syllables in words
- Using alliteration, for example, when doing the register saying 'good morning super Sally'
- Reading lots of fiction and non fiction books about growing
- Practising writing the letters in our names
- Practising mark making at all opportunities e.g. when painting, drawing and making marks in salt trays
- Making a whole class book about growing for our library

Stay and Play Sessions

We will continue to hold our 'Stay and Play' sessions every other Friday throughout the term. Parents and carers are welcome to join us from 9am to 9.45am on these days. The first session will be on Friday 28th February. These are an opportunity for you to see some of the things that your child has been doing at school during the week and for your child to share their learning with you.

Chicks

We will be taking delivery of 10 eggs, which we will be able to watch hatch into chicks. Your child will be able to tell you all about their progress as they hatch and grow.

Mathematics

We will be...

- Using number names and number language as we play
- Practising counting to 10, for example when singing number songs and beginning to use marks and fingers to represent numbers
- Practising accurately counting a small number of objects, for example, counting cooking ingredients when we bake.
- Playing with shapes when we build
- Measuring ourselves, animals and growing plants and using the language of size

Understanding of the World

We will be...

- Thinking about what things grow and what they need to help them grow
- Planting lots of seeds and carrying out an experiment to see if plants can grow without soil, sun and water
- Talking about our own growth, as well as animal and plant growth
- Playing interactive games on our whiteboard

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be...

- Exploring a variety of materials to create 2D and 3D work e.g. collages, paintings and models
- Using music and dance to express ourselves
- Exploring musical instruments, thinking about how to change the sounds that instruments make
- Developing our own stories