



Northenden Community

School

Curriculum Information for

Parents/ Carers



Class Reception
Term Summer 1
Theme Everything is Growing

THE BIG IDEA

This half term, we will be exploring how everything is growing all around us. We'll be looking at baby animals, growing plants, flowers and vegetables in our garden. In our outdoor area we will be designing a wildlife area, including a Bug Hotel and worm farms. We will create our own bee garden and learn why bees have such an important job helping plants, and our planet, grow. As part of our topic, we will learn how to care for our planet, from recycling and reusing, to all the wonderful ways humans can protect our oceans, trees and wildlife. We will also look at what children need to grow and stay healthy.



In **READING** lessons, the children will ...

- read for pleasure sharing inspiring true stories such as "Harlem Grown" where one person's idea has helped build community gardens for families.
- gain reading fluency through blending sounds quickly and with increasing accuracy and understanding.



In **WRITING** lessons, the children will ...

- have a go at writing simple sentences by saying their sentence, sounding it out, remembering finger spaces and full stops.
- focus on handwriting so that letters are formed correctly and remembering phonics to spell simple words.



In **MATHEMATICS** lessons, the children will

- use their strong subitising skills to build automatic recall of number bonds to 10 using numicon, counting blocks and games
- explore measurement, pattern and comparison by measuring and tracking growth of plants and ourselves, using language like taller, more or less



In **UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORLD**, the children will

- garden, observe life cycles of butterflies and frogs



In **COMPUTING** we will learn how use technology safely.



In **PAST AND PRESENT** we will talk about how they have grown and changed over time, making links between the past and now.



In **EXPRESSIVE ART & DESIGN** we will experiment with dough, paint, and drawing. Through role play children will use their imaginations to tell stories.



In **MUSIC** we will explore rhythm, song and movement, using music and dance to tell stories.



In **PSE** children will learn to manage their feelings, and play collaboratively.



In **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** we will explore different beliefs and special celebrations around the world.



PE lessons will take place on Wednesdays and Thursdays

In our PE lessons, the children will: develop balance, coordination and control through gymnastics, exploring different ways of moving, travelling and balancing.

In our PE lessons, the children will: take part in outdoor games designed to build strength, coordination and body awareness, including activities that develop balance, core strength and whole-body control.

OTHER INFORMATION



- Homework will be set every Friday
- Reading books are changed weekly
- Spellings can be found in homework books every Friday for a quiz the following week



YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHILD AT HOME BY ...

- listening to them read daily
- ensuring all homework is completed in a timely manner and to the best of their ability
- sharing a book with your child at bedtime