

# Robins Class Parent Update

## Summer 1 2024



As expected, we have spent the first 3 weeks of this term enjoying the Dinosaurs part of last term's topic 'A Long Time Ago'. This has been hugely popular and everyone has loved exploring dinosaurs inside and outside. Please keep an eye on your Tapestry if you haven't looked in a while, lots of new learning will be uploaded shortly. A comment or a thumbs up is always appreciated because then we know if you have seen it.

Next week we will begin our topic for this half term which is 'In the Garden' and this will be explored as follows;

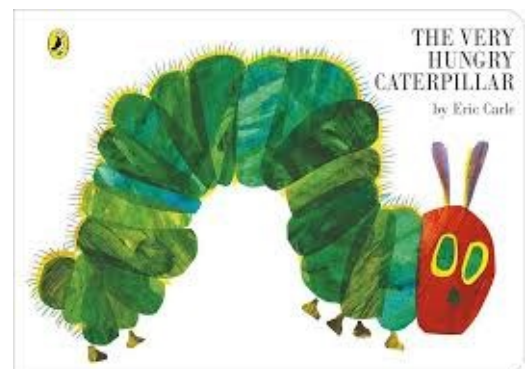
### **"In the Garden"**

#### **Minibeasts**

Our main story will be The Very Hungry Caterpillar.

This will provide wonderful opportunities for learning the name and sign for lots of different foods. We will cut and taste the caterpillar's fruits and talk about what we like and don't like. We will practise our fine motor skills making fruit kebabs and set up a fruit and vegetable shop role play area.

Other stories and songs may include –



- Norman the Silly Slug
- Wiggly Woo
- Walking Through the Garden
- Snail Trail

Our Maths focus will be number. We will be singing 'Here is the Beehive' and will explore our little bee counters and minibeast sensory tray. We will continue counting and grouping items, practising our skills of one-to-one correspondence and representing numbers. We will match numerals to quantities and where appropriate, rehearse our subitising skills. We will also experience learning to add 'one more'.

There will be lots of opportunities for sensory mathematical exploration including minibeasts with our favourite playdough, exploring number by threading and building with blocks as well as filling and emptying containers in the sensory tray. We will also enjoy taste safe bumble bee water beads!



If you would like to sing this at home, the YouTube link is available here;

<https://youtu.be/FV9tkYxims?si=qqu8G5j5Lk8K9Aie>



In our outdoor and creative sessions we will be exploring a range of minibeasts in lots of different ways. We will talk about and try to identify creatures thinking carefully about what colour it is and questions such as does it have wings? Does it have legs? We will be learning about earthworms and will hunt for these as well as other creatures in our outdoor area, using magnifying glasses.

We will enjoy minibeast toys in a range of sensory materials including jelly, spaghetti and ice, all huge favourites with Robins and will have great fun creating edible mud to make worm pies! We will paint symmetry butterflies and create wiggly worm process art with spaghetti.



Wiggly Worm  
sensory play

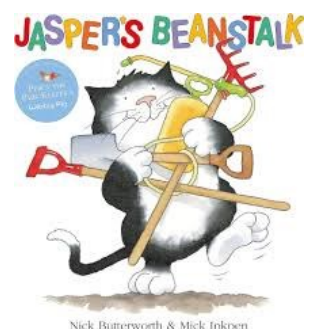


## **“In the Garden”**

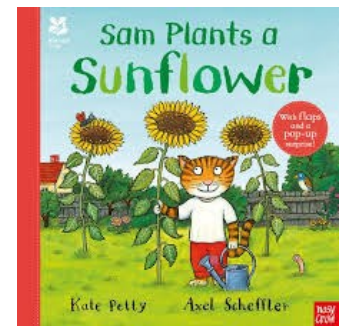
### **Plants and Growing**

Our stories and songs will include -

- Jasper's Beanstalk



- Sam Plants A Sunflower
- Ten Seeds
- I Dig My Garden
- Mini Masters Van Gogh



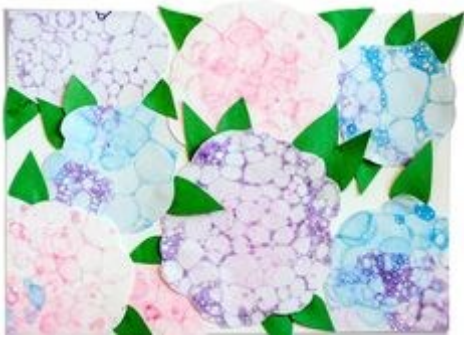
Our focus will be exploring and looking at seeds and what they need to help them to grow. We will explore planting and growing sensory trays and will try planting some different seeds and looking after them to see if they grow.



In maths we will continue with our number focus as before and will be singing One Tomato, Two Tomatoes. We will explore and count beans and seeds and make prints with different vegetables from the song.

We will explore different plants including flowers, herbs and leaves. We will cut and taste different vegetables and fruits and look for seeds inside. We will also explore different art and craft techniques to create process art including shaving cream marbling, bubble painting and collage.





If anyone is having a garden clear out and would like to donate any old / out of date seeds for us to explore or has any unwanted plastic plant pots of any size or small gardening tools, Robins Class would gratefully receive them.

### **A few reminders....**

**OUTDOOR LEARNING** – Some children's waterproofs have not been returned since the Easter holiday. If yours are still at home, please return them as unfortunately we are still needing these quite regularly.

**SUN CREAM and SUN HATS** – As the weather warms up, please apply sun cream to your child before they come to school. Please send a labelled tube of sun cream that can stay in school. We are happy to reapply this as needed to ensure everyone stays safe in the sun.

**SPARE CLOTHES** – Please could you have a check to see if you have any school spare clothes at home and return them if you find any, we are running very low on supplies. Socks are a particular problem. Please ensure your child brings several

spare pairs, we can often find we are changing socks several times a day on very wet days or when engaging in water play. We enjoy water play frequently so changes of clothes are essential.

**LABELLING** – this is another plea to please label your child's shoes. We still have several unlabelled pairs and several of the exact same shoe style.

**ROBINS WELCOME MORNING** – It was lovely to welcome parents to our Spring open door session last term. We will be hosting the final welcome morning of this year towards the end of the term. We hope as many of you can come and join us as possible. We will send out another reply slip later this term so we can get an idea of numbers.

Thank you for all your continued support. We are looking forward to another super half term with your children.

Jane and Robins Class Team 😊