### **EYFS - Reception**



# The Big Wide World!

Happy New Year! We are excited to be a part of your child's learning journey. Over the next term the children will be learning about 'The Big Wide World,' and 'How Does Your Garden Grow?'

### 6 Makaton

**Makaton** is a unique language programme that uses symbols, signs and speech to enable people to communicate. We will be teaching Makaton as part of our Early Years curriculum.

#### The Big Wide World!

**Stories:** Paddington at the Palace, Lost and Found, Ghanaian Goldilocks, Luna New Year, The Tiger Who Came to Tea, Around the World with Max and Lemon.

**Topic related Blurb:** During this half term, children will learn about different continents around the world and will engage with diverse cultures from countries. They will look at and engage with different books, inclusive of non-fiction books that will link to the topic. Pupils will have broadened their understanding of the world, learning about different weathers, animals, and lifestyles. Though topic focused activities, they will build upon their previous learning to develop skills across all seven areas of learning.



# How Does your Garden Grow?

Please make sure your child's belongings are labelled with their full name and that their book bag is in school every day.

We deliver a balanced curriculum of indoor and outdoor learning. Therefore, please ensure that your child has appropriate weather-proof clothing.

### **EYFS Sunflower Project**

During the spring term EYFS we be taking part in a sunflower project – more information to follow. . .



#### Dates for your diary

Half term: 17.2.25 INSET day: 21.3.25 Easter holiday: 14.4.25-25.4.25

#### We recommend . .



#### How Does Your Garden Grow?

**Stories:** Jasper's Beanstalk, Jack and the Beanstalk, Little Sunflower, The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Mad About Minibeasts, The Ugly Duckling, The Easter Story.

By the end of the topic, children will have a greater understanding and respect of the world around them. They will continue to develop the outdoor area, developing the vegetable patch, pond area and mud kitchen area. Children will be able to identify seasonal changes and the affect that the seasons have on the outdoors. They will learn about the lifecycles of animals, plants and humans and comment on differences and similarities. They will develop their understanding of technology using iPads, Cubeto, coding and the IWB.



