

Half term plan				Nursery	3-4s	Summer 1 <sup>st</sup> 2026	
Themes: Plants and growing/ Wider World		Season: Spring/ Summer			Non-fiction books: Plants		
Characteristics of Effective Learning							
Playing and exploring- Engagement		Active learning- Motivation			Creative thinking- Critical thinking		
Shared activities Shared themes		Maintain attention	Have a go		Give reasons	Think of ideas	
		Participate in teacher-led tasks			Solves problems		
Prime areas							
PSED		Communication			Physical		
Friendships/play in groups Listen to our friends Use our words/explain Maintain play Respond to others/negotiate Tries different approaches		Understand 'How?' and 'Why?' Use 'and' & 'because' Recall past events/stories Develop vocabulary Listen to storytelling Use tenses and endings: -es, -s, -ing Uses talk to connect ideas Summarises events and stories			<b>Gross Motor:</b> Aware of others in the space/spatial awareness Climbing and balance    Manage a-frames and ladder Ball skills    Scissor skills    Cutlery Hand bike    2 wheelers 1 foot per step on stairs  <b>Fine Motor:</b> Use of tools (and safety) (Woodwork) Scissors <b>Self-care:</b> Dress self- manage buttons, zips, shoes, tights		
Specific							
Maths		Literacy		Understanding the world		Expressive Arts and Design	
<b>Number:</b> Quantity and amount 1:1 correspondence, +/- practical Recognition of numbers    Counting Combining numbers to make up 5 or 10 Recording of maths ideas <b>Shape, space and measures:</b> Grouping and sorting Language of measure- sunflower Everyday shape language Jigsaws		<b>Reading:</b> Notice features Explore characters/motivations Blending/segmenting sounds <b>Writing:</b> Own name Recognisable letters- write Recognise some letters Retelling familiar stories using the language/ structure of the texts Initial sounds used in writing		Predict, test and question  Growing cress, beans and sunflowers  Care of living things-plants, caterpillars, butterflies, ducklings and grasshoppers		Uses representation Create storylines Collage skills Watermelon paintings Music- singing, beat, rhythm, tempo, volume Stick insect drawings	
<b>Cooking:</b> Egg and cress sandwiches		<b>Key books:</b> Little Red Hen Kipper's Beanstalk    Beans222 on toast The Tiny Seed    Enormous Turnip Jack & the Beanstalk		<b>Celebrations (people/communities):</b> Birthdays    Fathers' Day St. George's Day		<b>Imaginative:</b> Fire station/engine play	