

Phase: KS1 Subject focus: Science- Mini Beasts and Plants

Topic name: How does your garden grow?



**Display focus:** Artwork linked to artists- William Morris paint printing or Henri Matisse collage.



**Key Texts:**

- The very Hungry Caterpillar
- Superworm
- Jess and The Beanstalk
- Fly Traps- plants That Bite Back



**The Hook**

We will have real butterflies that will metamorphose in classrooms to help us to learn about their life cycle. We will also grow our own plants to eat, such as beans and cress.



**Parent Engagement**

There will be an After School Workshop linked to phonics, English and Maths at each campus. We will host a 'Dads' Gardening Day'. There will be a 'Parent Café' with healthy snacks made by the children.



**The Aim**

To discover more about the plants and animals that live in local gardens and parks. In readiness for this topic, please help your child to learn the names of the mini beasts and plants that they see in their own garden or on the park.



**LOTC**

The children will take part in Mini beast hunts in the school grounds or on the park. There will be fact-finding treasure hunts. We will grow plants outside.



**Pupil voice**

The children have been asked in classes what they would like to find out and what they enjoyed this term.

This is why we will be taking part in mini beast hunts, growing plants and buying venus fly traps and cacti for classes! We will also continue to write about first hand experiences, have lots of learning outside and a range of Art activities.



**Enrichment**

There will be an exciting visit to Conkers!

We will visit the local park to see which plants and animals we can find and name.

We will make snacks for a Parent Café.

**SMSC/British values Theme**

We will look at the effects of litter in our local area. We will find out how to make our gardens mini-beast friendly.

