



All Saints Primary School,  
Wokingham  
Early Year Foundation Stage:  
Reception

**Key questions:**

- What grows in the garden?
- What lives in the garden?
- What are minibeasts?
- Why are plants important?
- Why are insects important?
- What is a life cycle?

**Literacy:**

- Read Write Inc Set 2 and 3
- Writing and reading own sentences
- Spelling high frequency words
- Labelling plants
- Labelling minibeasts and body parts
- Minibeast stories
- Diaries
- Instructions – caring and growing plants

**Expressive Art and Design:**

- Monet's gardens
- Van Gogh's sunflowers
- Pop up pictures
- Design your own garden/park



**Key knowledge**  
Summer 1

In the Garden  
We are explorers  
**How does my garden grow?**



**Understanding the World:**

Children will learn that a plant is a living thing. Children will explore and draw maps of the school gardens. Children will learn about the playing field plants that grow wild and will plant seeds, bulbs and tubers in the school garden. Children will learn about minibeasts and the life cycle of the butterfly. Children will go pond dipping and observe minibeasts in their habitats.

**Physical Development:**

Skills for athletics  
Co-operative games with rules  
Minibeast dances  
Coordination to use pedal trikes and bikes safely

<b>Key Vocabulary:</b>	Compost	Leaves	Larvae
Environment	Soil	Fruit	Caterpillar
Habitat	Roots	Pollen	Butterfly
Seed	Stem	Nectar	Adult
Growth	Flower	Insects	Chrysalis
	Petals	Minibeasts	Pupa

**Key texts:**

Superworm  
The Tiny Seed  
The Spider and the Fly  
The Butterfly's Ball  
Titch  
The Hungry Caterpillar  
Katie and the Sunflower  
Jack and the Beanstalk

**Social Emotional:**

Perseverance  
Building resilience  
Expressing opinion  
Dressing independently  
Sun safety  
Eating healthily  
Managing emotions

**Maths:**

Representing, comparing and composition of numbers beyond 10  
Tangrams

