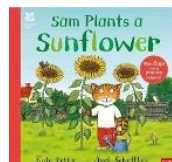




Nursery: Spring 2
Focus: Changes all around us

Key Topic Texts: Spring 2



Topic Vocabulary

 **Star words:** Changes, Spring, similar, different, tall, small, plant, water, dig, grow, roots, soil, shoot, sunlight, bean, sunflower, egg, caterpillar, butterfly, Easter, Jesus, church,

 **Shooting star words:** Christian, nutrients, germination, seedling, sprout, chrysalis, life cycle

Communication and Language

- Develop their communication but may continue to have problems with irregular tenses and plurals such as 'runned' for 'run' and 'swimmed' for 'swam'
- Understand a question or instruction that has two parts such as 'Get your coat and wait at the door'
- Use a variety of pronouns, plurals and prepositions, sometimes incorrectly to start with
- Start a conversation with a friend or adult and continue it for many turns

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Show more confidence in new social situations
- Increasingly follow rules, understanding why they are important
- Develop their sense of responsibility and membership of a community
- Develop appropriate ways of being assertive
- Understand gradually how others might be feeling

Physical Development

- Catch a large ball
- Ride scooters and pedal trikes
- Collaborate with others to manage large items, such as moving a long plank safely

Mathematics

- Say Know that the last number reached when counting a small set of objects tells you how many there are in total (cardinal principle)
- Match numeral to quantity, up to 5
- Understand and respond to position through words alone
- Show awareness of shape similarities and differences between objects
- Combine shapes to make new ones e.g. an arch, a bigger triangle

Literacy

- Reading**
- Understand that print can have different purposes and can be relayed through signs and symbols in various forms (e.g. printed materials, environmental print)
 - Recognises own name
 - Engages in conversations about stories using vocabulary from the text
- Writing**
- Copy some pre-writing shapes accurately
 - Attempt to write their own name, or other names and words, using combinations of lines, circles and curves, or letter-type shapes

Understanding the World

- Show interest in different occupations
- Plant seeds and care for growing plants
- Begin to understand the key features of the life cycle of a plant and or an animal

Expressive Arts & Design

- Begin to develop imaginative stories and 'small worlds' using blocks, equipment and construction kits
- Sing the pitch of a tone sung by another person
- Listen with increased attention to sounds
- Explore sounds and how these can be changed

