



Reception

St Ambrose Barlow Catholic Primary School

Well the start of another term is here, where do the weeks go? This half term our topic is "Growing" and we will be looking in great detail at growth.

Here are some of the things we will be doing.

Knowledge and Understanding of the World

- Look at and discuss different types of seeds.
- Plant various seeds.
- Care for own sunflowers, tomatoes and experiment with cress.
- Keep a diary and measure growth.
- Learn the different parts of the plant and what a plant needs.

Creative Development

- ◆ Observational drawings of flowers and plants.
- ◆ Mixing colours and looking at shades of colour.
- ◆ Look at Vangogh's and Monet's work.
- ◆ Make a giant beanstalk
- ◆ Make paper 3D flowers
- ◆ Role play in the garden centre

Communication, Language and Literacy

- ◆ Continue to develop communication skills
- ◆ Build on phonics knowledge, blending and segmenting for reading and writing.
- ◆ Develop ability to write the keywords
- ◆ Develop handwriting.
- ◆ To develop writing in sentences.

Mathematical Development

As always we will be doing lots of practical activities to develop and consolidate skills in all areas.

If you would like to support at home it would be useful if the children could develop knowledge when using money and time. Also have a go at reading higher numbers when you pass houses or are out shopping.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- * To begin to express their feelings appropriately.
- * To work as a group and take turns.
- * To follow classroom rules.
- * To learn about other peoples beliefs and feelings.

R.E.

- ◆ Our R.E. topic this term is 'Good News'.

Physical

- ◆ To develop bat and ball skills
- ◆ Learning how to play co-operative games.
- ◆ To develop a sequence of movements to a piece of music.

I.C.T

- * Introduction to roamer our programmable toy.
- * Move roamer about on a map programming directions.
- * Use appropriate ICT terminology.
- * Continue to develop mouse control.

Many Thanks

Our Role play area has changing into a garden centre. This is looking great and the children are playing really well. Contributions of trowels, pots, spades, seed packets, bulbs and fake flowers would be appreciated. Please continue to practice the keywords: reading and writing them and any extra practice you can give your child in responding to a letter sound with the symbol the easier this will become. The children are making us proud every day with their attitude to learning and their fantastic behaviour.

Mrs Holden and Mrs Brennan