

Personal, social & emotional development

Circle time discussion:

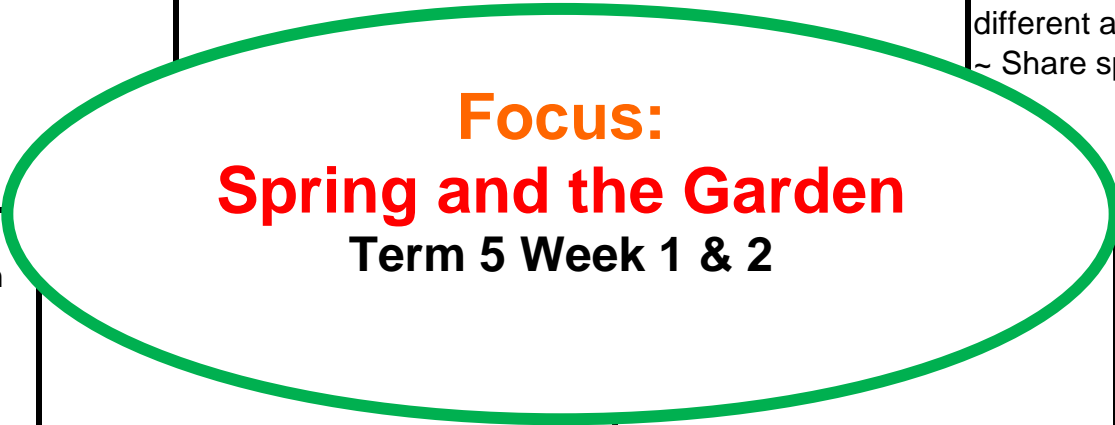
- ~ Talk about the changes that are happening to the trees - compare them to how they were at Christmas
- ~ Have we changed since Christmas?
- ~ Are we taller?
- ~ Can we do new things?
- ~ Talk about new life - baby animals

Physical development

- ~Mud sensory tray - compost, beans, seeds, garden tools, plant pots for transferring, filling, tipping
- ~Walk / garden - look at new plants growing, blossom on trees, make daisy chains
- ~ Look & find activity sheets - garden birds & mini-beasts
- ~Spring playdough mats -modelling, cutting, shaping

Communication and language

- Circle time discussion: see PSED
- New language:** blossom, bulbs, roots, stem, compost, plant,
- ~ Talk about seasonal changes - what have the children observed?
- ~ Look at some spring themed words/ picture cards and discuss
- ~ Talk about animals being born - make different animal sounds
- ~ Share spring themed stories and songs



~Spring themed books - fiction and non-fiction

~ Spring words and picture cards

~ Matching letter sounds to spring objects: show the children a letter card, can the children find an object that matches

~ Tracing spring words

~ Look & find activity sheets - garden birds & minibeasts

Literacy

- ~ Count and sort spring items: flowers, sheep, plant pots
- ~ Compare sizes of plants - develop language: big / medium / little
- ~ Grow a sunflower - record growth / height
- ~ Flower planting game - each child has the same number of flowers and a flower pot: take turns to roll the dice & put that number of flowers into their pot. The first player to plant all their flowers wins!

Mathematics

- ~ Cress planting: observe change and growth
- ~ Talk about what a plant needs to grow - air, water, light, warmth
- ~ Plant a bean in a glass jar - observe change: shoots, roots and growth
- ~ Minibeast hunts in the garden

Understanding the world

~ Spring themed playdough mats

~ Blossom pictures using tissues paper

~ Nature pictures using grass, petals, leaves, daisies

~ Minibeast paint stampers

~ Role play picnic with dollies, teddies and friends

Expressive arts & design