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### Blackbirds, Doves and Robins

#### Ready steady grow

Our topic this term is 'Ready Steady Grow'. The children will spend this half term finding out about plants, seeds and mini-beasts. This will include learning about what plants need to grow, different kinds of plants, what foods we get from plants, also different types of mini-beasts and their life cycles.

If you're a keen gardener or your job has any specific relevance to our topic we would love for you to come in and tell the children about what you do.

<b>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</b>	To learn how to care for animals and our local environment.
<b>Physical Development</b>	To develop pre cursive handwriting. To develop dance through the theme of gardens. To learn simple team games.
<b>Communication and Language</b>	To recall and share own experiences. To be able to listen and respond to ideas expressed by others. To encourage children to ask questions about why things happen. To carry out instructions which contain several parts in a sequence.
<b>Mathematics</b>	To investigate number bonds to 10. To explore symmetry. To measure length using standard units. To develop subtraction skills. To find out half of an object, shape or number. To use every day language to talk about time. To know the days of the week and months of the year.
<b>Literacy</b>	To write sentences. To use capital letters and full stops. To learn to read and write tricky word set 3. To label diagrams. To revise and apply our phase 2 phonic knowledge – s,a,t,p,i,n,m,d,g,o,c,k,ck,e,u,r,h,b,f,ff,l,ll,ss. To know and apply the phonemes from phase 3 – j,v,w,x,y,z,zz,qu,ch,sh, th, ng, ai, ee, ie, oa, oo, ar, or, igh, ow, ure, er, air, ear
<b>Understanding the World</b>	To know about mini-beasts. To know about plants and seeds. To know that our environment and living things are influenced by human activity. To make observations of animals and plants and explain why some things occur, and talk about changes.
<b>Expressive Arts and Design</b>	To explore symmetry through art. To make 3d mini-beasts. To make observational drawings.

#### Diary Dates

Ladyland Farm Trip - 23<sup>rd</sup> April  
Science day - 18<sup>th</sup> April  
Doves class assembly - 10<sup>th</sup> May  
Reception cake sale - 14<sup>th</sup> May  
Robins class assembly - 24<sup>th</sup> May

We welcome any boxes of tissues that you can donate for the classes; we often find they are in high demand during the winter months. Also, we would be grateful for glue sticks and any recycled materials that can be used for junk modelling (no egg boxes or nut packaging thank you). We continue to need art and craft resources for our outdoor 'creation station'.

If you have anything to discuss about your child, or if you have any queries, we are always happy to help. Please feel free to make an appointment to see us. We very much look forward to a happy and successful half term with your child.

Miss Stables: Blackbirds

Mrs Plummer: Doves

Mrs Harrison: Robins