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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.

**Key Question:** What makes a wonderful garden?

**Great work:** All parents will be invited to attend a garden party held in the reception playground at 2pm Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

<b>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</b>	To learn how to care for animals and our local environment. To compare what we can do now with what we could do when we began school. What would I like to be able to do in the future? To get ready for Year 1.
<b>Physical Development</b>	To develop pre cursive handwriting. To practise for sports day. To develop ball skills.
<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 know the days of the week and months of the year. To subtract two single-digit numbers and count on or back to find the answer. To know number bonds to 10. To develop problem solving skills. To solve problems using doubling and halving. To count in 2's, 5's, 10's. To create repeating patterns.
<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. To design and create the garden wall.

<p><b>Diary Dates</b> Class photographs- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June Junior woodland area visit- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June Blackbirds class assembly- 20<sup>th</sup> June Orleans gallery trip-Robins 25<sup>th</sup>/ Doves 26<sup>th</sup> / Blackbirds 27<sup>th</sup> Move up morning- 1<sup>st</sup> July Robins class assembly - 4<sup>th</sup> July Doves class assembly - 11<sup>th</sup> July Great work garden party- July 22<sup>nd</sup> 2pm</p>	<p>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'.</p>
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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 Mckinlay and Mrs Long: Doves

Mrs Harrison: Robins