

'Growing and Changing'

Term 4 - Nursery (EYFS)- 2022/23

Comper Foundation Stage School- Oxford



Love

Curiosity

Courage

Aspiration

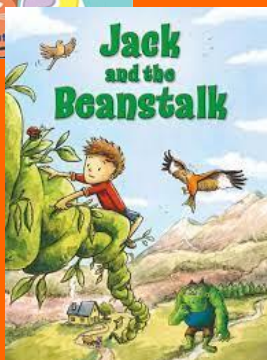
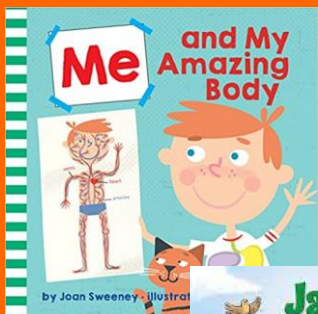


KEY TEXTS

Welcome to Nursery at Comper Foundation Stage School!
This Spring half term is filled with so many exciting activities and experiences. Our topic will focus on a selection of key texts that will be used to support the children's learning as well as covering the key areas of learning. These well known and loved stories will immerse children in exploring the world around them.

Tapestry is used to communicate and celebrate your child's learning and development. It is an secure online learning journal that lets you actively engage in your child's education. We really enjoy sharing with you what your child gets up to at Nursey as well as you sharing with us what your child gets up to at home!

Some of the activities we will be doing this term include:



**An exciting busy term celebrating:
Shrove Tuesday, World Book Day,
Science Week, Mother's Day and
Comic relief!**

**Thinking about living things growing and changing and
ways of looking after ourselves**

**Taking part in yoga, dance and movement related to keeping our
bodies healthy**

Designing our gardens and planting seeds

Trip to Oxford City Farm! (Date TBC)



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

A key focus as part of our topic, we will be focusing on how we can look after ourselves. We will discuss healthy living such as having a balanced diet and exercising, along with the development of strategies to self-regulate their emotions and exercise our 'minds'. We aim to allow children to recognise that all feelings are normal and valued by talking about it openly in conversation and through using role-play, puppets and real scenarios. We will be using our outdoor shed to take part in yoga and mindfulness activities, such as meditation and breathing practices.

Communication and Language

Using the key texts such as *The Tiny Seed* and *George and Flora's Secret Garden*, the children will have lots of opportunity to relate their learning from fictional texts to the natural world. We will focus on children being able to demonstrate their developing understanding, through offering engaging activities which draw out key vocabulary, language and questions e.g. dissecting flowers and observing natural changes. Regular opportunities for engaging in conversations and discussion will support children in learning to listen to and respond to questions.

Key songs for this term: Heads Shoulders Knees & Toes, Grow, Grow, Grow (Nick Cope), I was in the Garden, If you're happy and you know it

Physical Development

Physical development is vital for the all-round development of both gross and fine motor skills. As part of our growing and changing topic, we will be learning about our bodies and body parts and discussing how we keep our bodies strong and healthy. We will be taking part in fitness and movement activities as well as yoga and breathing in line with keeping our bodies as well as our minds healthy. We will also be using our finer motor skills to use tools for lots of digging and planting as well as exploring different sized brushes and equipment such as charcoal to create paintings and drawings related to our topic.

Literacy

This term we will be exploring our key chosen fiction texts related to growing and changing as well as exploring non-fiction books about our amazing bodies! We will be exploring key vocabulary related to the theme as using text in meaningful contexts e.g. seed packets and healthy recipes. To prepare for planting, we will be making shopping lists and designing our gardens!

Mathematics

Following on from our previous learning in mathematics we will be continuing to be able to count up to 5 or 10 as well as matching the corresponding numerals as quantities. We will focus on using language related to measuring and comparing height/length as part of our growing topic. We will also begin to explore shape more in depth, introducing a 'shape of the week' this term. We will use our knowledge of shape in our activities and problem solving e.g. use shapes to map out our gardens and create pictures.

Understanding of the World

Within Understanding the World we celebrate the children of our community whilst also making sense of the natural world around us. As part of our topic this term, and upcoming Science week, we will be learning about living things and lifecycles. Through cooking, science experiments and planting/growing activities, we will encourage children to observe and comment on changes that occur, related to their own experiences, drawing on key vocabulary.

Expressive Arts and Design

Throughout the term, we will be creating our own artwork related to living things and the natural world. We plan to give the children opportunity to take part in observational drawing and painting and create their own artwork inspired by famous artists e.g. Monet, exploring effects they can create with paint and colour. We will also be singing some familiar and new songs related to our topic and enjoying bringing our key texts to life through drama and role play.