

## Prime areas

**Ladybirds Class – 2022/2023**

**Weird and Wonderful Weather**

### Big question:

**How do we know Spring is here?**

## Specific areas

### Literacy

- Poetry
- Encourage children to record stories through picture drawing/mark making
- Rhyming words
- Read simple phrases and sentences
- Read a few tricky words
- Phonics – phase 3 consolidation

### Umbrella Narratives:

Tree: Seasons come, seasons go! Out and About, a first book of poems, Rosie's Hat, One snowy night, Elmer and the wind

## Characteristics of Effective Learning

### Creating and thinking critically

- Having their own ideas
- Making links
- Choosing ways to do things

### Active learning

- Being involved and concentrating
- Keep on trying
- Enjoy achieving what they set out to do

### Playing and exploring

- Finding out and exploring
- Playing with what they know
- Being willing to have a go

### Personal Social and Emotional Development

- PSHE – Dreams and Goals
- Building learning power (BLP) – The 4 r's – Resilience, Reciprocity, Reflectiveness and Resourcefulness
- Show resilience in the face of challenge
- How to deal with anger/emotions
- Looking after our planet

### Understanding the World

- RE – Being Special – Where do we belong?
- Seasons – what are the signs of each season?
- Encourage interactions with the outdoors to foster curiosity and give children freedom to use their senses in the natural world
- Explore the world around us and see how it changes
- Introduce the children to recycling and how it can take care of our world
- Change in living things – changes in the leaves. weather, seasons

### Expressive Arts and Design

- Music (Charanga) – Everyone!
- Observational drawing of spring flowers
- Artwork themed around the seasons – art
- Children encourage to select tools and techniques they need to assemble materials that they are using e.g to build a rain catcher

### Physical Development

- PE – Throwing and catching
- Threading, cutting, weaving, playdough, fine motor activities
- Write Dance
- Begin to form letters correctly - handwriting
- Cutting with scissors
- Handle tools, objects, construction, malleable materials with increasing control

### Communication and Language

- Develop and use new vocabulary – Oracy
- Oracy – Takes part in discussion
- Listen to and talk about stories
- Asks questions to find out more and check understanding
- Asks how and why questions
- Describe events in some detail
- Learn rhymes, poems and songs

### Mathematics

- Comparing numbers 1-5
- Compare mass
- Compare capacity
- Composition of 6, 7 and 8
- Combining 2 amounts
- Making pairs
- Length
- Height
- Time
- Measure

### Ideas to support your child's learning at home.

- Make a rain gauge. How much rain have you collected after a few days? How could you measure the amount of rain you've collected?
- Record the weather for a week. How many different types of weather did you have?
- Learn the months of the year. Do you know which months are in each season?