

Topic Map – In the Garden and Growing

Communication & Language • Sensory stories – ○ Half term 1 the hungry Caterpillar – Eric Carle, ○ Half term 2 Jaspers beanstalk – Nick Butterworth • Senses to touch activities – in the garden tac pac • Sensory investigation – potting shed sensory play – soil ,sand and water • Exploring and controlling switch toys • Song and rhyme time • WOW factor toy exploration – attention activities • 1-1 story time • Art and craft activities – making preferences known • Resonance boards • Gathering drum • Intensive Interaction • Hello and goodbye time		Personal, Social & Emotional Development • Hello and goodbye time • Sensology – “in the garden” • Messy play with food and edible materials • FRT and hand massage activities • Individual personal care routines • Song bag – turn taking • Class/Department assemblies • Forest school – building confidence • Role play area • Dressing up activities • Mirror play • Dolly play • Celebrating birthdays and special events/cultural activities • Feeding/snack/lunchtime		Physical Development • Music and movement • Rebound activities • Action rhymes & songs • Soft play • Messy play – mark making activities linked to theme • Physiotherapy • Parachute games/songs • Outside play – climbing, independent walking where possible • Turn taking activities 1:1 and group • Large whole body movement activities – Sherborne, swing and hammock activities • Themed Treasure baskets • Sand water and potting shed play			
Literacy • Mark making activities – using different media and tools • Sensory stories • Topic books- garden/ growing/spring • Phonics – listening activities and SSP exposure to early stages within ‘Essential Letters and Sounds’, listening walks • Book corner – individual and group stories with a focus on topic within fiction and non-fiction and time to explore books independently		Mathematics • Resonance boards – pattern, spatial awareness • Sensory investigation – link to Literacy topic books • Emptying and filling containers (using coloured media such as dyed rice or pasta) • Sand and water play • Number and action songs • Gathering drum – pattern, shape, special awareness • Building activities • Small world play • Making play dough and using cutters – exploring combining materials and shape. • Shape sorting and puzzle work • Exploring a range of 2D & 3D shapes		Understanding the World • Sensory investigation, exploring gardens, growing and minibeasts • Hatching chicks • Hatching butterflies • Walks and visits around the local community • Listening walks • Cause and effect and wow toys • Class/Department assemblies • Forest school • Role play activities • Small world play • Outside play • Celebrating birthday and special events/cultural activities – Valentines day, mothers day, Chinese new year • Exploring low tech/high tec equipment/switches		Expressive Arts & Design • Music and movement • Art and craft activities using the senses – visual, smells, texture, sounds. Painting with natural garden materials. • Making own musical instruments using a variety of everyday materials • Song bag • Exploring and using a range of musical instruments • Soft play – free movement activities • Exploring sound using real world objects (eg pots, pans, boxes etc) • Gathering drum activities • Resonance boards • Parachute activities/songs	