# Our theme for Summer one is:

#### Overview

Our theme this half term is 'Let's Grow' We will be exploring a range of key texts linked to growth and change. The children will be linking their learning to these texts each week and we will start our topic off with the exploration of Jack and the Beanstalk and some wonderful bean planting. Other texts will include; The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Oliver's Vegetables, Titch and The Enormous Turnip.

#### **Mathematics**

We will be learning about the composition of numbers up to and including 10 this half term. We will also be exploring doubles and number facts including odds and evens.

We will be looking at time and seasons and how things grow, change and decay over time.

We will also continue to deepen our understanding of patterns this half term.

### Expressive arts and design

Children will be offered the opportunity to learn new songs based around our topic. The children will be encouraged to apply what they have learnt about different media and materials to create their own artwork, models and artistic representations. We will be exploring lots of wonderful stories and the children will be given opportunities to explore them in our role play and small world areas. We will also have lots of fun recreating and representing life cycles and changes over time using drama and music.

# $\label{lem:conding} \textbf{Understanding the world} \\$

The children will be making lots of observations of how things grow, change and decay over time. We will use a range of new vocabulary to discuss the observations. In RE we will be exploring the Big Question: What ceremonies and festivals have you taken part in? We will explore Why and how Hindus celebrate Holi and Muslims celebrate the festival of Eid.



### Personal, social and emotional development

We will continue to use 'The Colour Monster' as a tool for expressing our emotions and to talk about how our emotions can impact others. We will be celebrating our success with our peers weekly and reading work aloud, learning to share in the success of others. We will continue our circle time discussions, encouraging children to participate and share their experiences. We will also look at choices and activities that can help us to flourish and shine personally, socially, emotionally and mentally. We will also begin our weekly 'Happy Mind' lessons this half term.

# Literacy

In literacy we will be retelling, sequencing and writing about our key texts each week. The children will be encouraged to write across all areas of their learning by labelling their work and writing about their experiences. We will continue our daily phonics activities of reading, spelling and writing. The children will continue to write sentences daily and will be moving to writing more across the curriculum.

# **Communication and language**

Through continuous provision inside and outside the classroom, we will be finding our own ways to solve problems, express our interests and work as a part of a team. We will continue our 'circle time' with a different focus each week linking to our topic. We will also be exploring sentence building, asking questions and rhyming and rhythmic activities.

## **Physical development**

In PE this half-term we will be continuing to develop ball skills and will also continue with our weekly Tennis lessons. We will continue to develop our fine motor skills in our daily funky finger activities. We will also be learning about the things we need to keep healthy and to help us grow. We will look at different types of food that is good for our bodies and helps our bodies to grow.