## Reception Summer 1 2024 -6 Weeks

## Sunshine and Sunflowers

This seasonal topic provides opportunities for outdoor learning and teaches children how to care for the plants and animals in their local environment and how to stay safe in the sun.



## **Development Matters Objectives**

Maths		Number; Numerical patterns				
PD	Gross motor skills; Fine motor skills					
PSED Self-regulation; Managing self; Building relationships						
World People, culture and communities; The natural world						
Exp A&D Creating with materials; Being imaginative and expressive						
CL Listening, attention and understanding; Speaking						
Literacy Comprehension; Word reading; Writing						
Memorable experience		Outside explorers	Outside explorers			
<u>Week</u>	Key Focus	<u>Key Text</u>	Week in Brief	<u>Key Vocabulary</u>		

1	Memorable Experience –Outside	Shark in the Park by Nick Sharratt	Arrange a visit to Memorial Park. Use A map of the Park.	Garden, growth, plant, flower, trees, wildlife, habitat, animals, flora,
	•	Shark Sharratt	Explore the environment and talk about the plants, trees and wildlife that live there. Talk about how the plants are cared for and what they need to grow and survive.  Provide each child with a sheet where they can write down their observations to encourage them to look for a range of different flora and fauna in the environment.  Take photographs of the different areas of the park, the plants and animals that live there and any special features.	habitat, animals, flora, fauna, weather, sun, stem.

## Grow a Garden Errol's Garden by Gillian Hibbs Skills and Knowledge to develop: Plants need air, sunlight, warmth and nutrients from soil to grow. Parts of plants include roots, stem, leaves, flowers and petals. Stem, leaf, petal, root, seed, grow, growth, water, soil.

3	Grow your own sunflower	From seed to Sunflower Non-fixtion text	- Some plants start from seeds; Plants need water and sunlight to grow; Plants grow in places where they get their needs met; Plants often grow in some type of dirt; Do simple experiments, talk about cause and effect, and share ideas	Germination is the process by which a plant grows from a seed.  A seedling is a young plant grown from a seed.
4	Garden Explorers	My butterfly bouquet by Nicola Davies  **PUTTERFLY** **POVQUET** **NICOLA DAVIES** **INCOLA DAVIES** *	Skills and Knowledge to develop:  - Female butterflies lay eggs on plants. Caterpillars hatch from the eggs Caterpillars eat until they are fully groen, then they become a pupa A caterpillar pupa is called a chrysalis A butterfly emerges from a chrysalis Butterflies drink nectar from flowers with their long tongues Butterflies, ladybirds and bees are insects Insects are small animals Insects have six legs and a hard outer shell. Some insects have wings.	Bouquet, egg, wings, legs, tongue, antennae, insect, butterfly, caterpillar, chrysalis, pupa, nectar, ladybird, bee.
5	Fun in the sun	Jump and shout by Mike Dumbleton  Jump and Shout!  Mike Dumbleton and Peter Carnadas	Skills and Knowledge to develop:  - It is important to wear sun cream, sun hats and drink plenty of water to keep hydrated on hot sunny days.	Sunshine, picnic, sun cream, hydrated.

6	Innovate and Express –Planning a Picnic	N/A	Provocation  You have had lots of fun outside. Now you are going to plan a picnic. You need to think about where you will have your picnic, what you will eat and drink, what games to play and how to make sure you stay safe in the sun.	Picnic, blanket, food, drink, weather, sun, games, sun hat, sun cream, ice cream.