

The Big Dig—Wriggly Worms

A colorful illustration of a garden scene. The top part shows a blue sky with white clouds, a green bird flying, and a red ladybug on a green plant. Below the surface, the soil is brown and contains several worms of different colors (pink, blue, black) and white roots. The background shows green hills and a grey stone wall.

Physical development

We are going to be working hard to develop our fine and gross motor skills by using lots of different digging tools both big and small. We are going to learn how to use tools to connect things to make buckets and blackbirds.

Communication and Language

We are going to be learning a word a week from our key texts 'The Worm and the Bird' and 'Superworm.' Children will be given the chance to experience, hear and say the word in order to give unknown words meaning. We are also going to start looking at the first phonics letter and sound S.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We are going to be learning all about taking care of ourselves and things around us. We are going to continue to work on our self-help skills and practise putting our coats on independently.

Mathematics

We are going to be looking closely at the numbers 1 to 10 using the story 'I can only draw worms.' We will be learning about length and weight, comparing objects (and worms) by size.

Literacy

We are going to be learning our key texts really well and using this knowledge to help us order and retell the stories ourselves. We are going to be creating lost posters for a missing worm and learning to recognise and write the letter/sound S.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be making our worms out of tights. Our own blackbirds out of cardboard and learning to use tools for this. We are going to learn new songs all about minibeasts for us to sing endlessly at home no doubt.

Understanding the World

We are going to explore where worms live, what they eat and what they do. We will be creating our own wormery. In the second half of the term we are going to look at planting, growing our own cress and considering how to look after plants and what they need.