



Carle Class (Resource Base) Caterpillars Curriculum Map Term 4 2025-2026

Theme: How does your garden grow?



Communication and Language

- Little Wandle Foundations for Phonics and Rhyme Time sessions
- Core Word Programme
- Mark making using sensory materials
- Sharing books sensory stories, listening to stories in a group/1:1
- Speech and Language delivering personalised targets
- Learning/signing new **key vocabulary** words
- Sharing attention, developing communication and social interaction skills in a small group
- Playing in the role play area with/alongside others
- Developing communication, making requests and choices (Total Communication approach - visuals, objects Makaton sign, core boards and picture exchanges)
- Bucket Time (Attention Autism)/Curiosity Programme/Intensive Interaction.

Maths

- Daily counting songs and rhymes
- Multi-sensory activities incorporating early skills
- Matching, sorting and comparison activities
- Puzzles
- Number Box
- Repeated patterns
- Explore position and space
- Subitising – 1, 2, 3.

Literacy

- Core Word Programme
- Weekly sensory story with linked literacy activities
- Daily reading for pleasure sessions and exploring picture books
- Little Wandle SEND Foundations for Phonics including rhyme time and songs
- Mark making opportunities
- Name/letter formation.

Expressive Arts & Design

- Whole class singing with actions and Makaton signing.
- Sing Up music scheme
- Structured sensory activities
- Role play area and opportunities for small word play
- Daily Play Schema opportunities
- EAD sessions linked to theme, 'How does your garden grow?'
- KS1 singing assembly integration (where appropriate).

Key Vocabulary

Topic words to be learnt:

plant
grow
leaf
water
sun
seed
soil
garden

PE lessons are on Monday and Wednesday in Term 4. We are lucky to have two sports coaches leading our sessions this term.

Please ensure that your child has a fully named PE kit in school.

Please remember to use Class Dojo to share info about your child or share pictures/stories for our weekly story sessions!

Understanding the World

- Daily weather calendar
- Name different types of weather/seasons (daily)
- Learning the days of the week through song and sign
- Exploring cause and effect through toys and games
- Exploring different types of plants
- Beginning to understand that plants need water and sunlight to grow
- Participate in planting and growing
- Observe changes as plants grow
- Explore garden creatures and understand that they live amongst the plants.

Physical Development

- Weekly PE sessions
- Weekly yoga sessions
- Using bikes, trikes & large outdoor equipment
- Fine & gross motor skills activities
- Letter formation
- Developing independence in self-care skills including hand washing, changing, feeding and toileting
- Practicing cutting and threading skills
- Developing gross and fine motor skills during sensory exploratory play
- Exploring different mark making materials
- Movement breaks and sensory circuits.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development & Life Skills

- Developing sitting, listening and attention skills
- Play/social skills sessions in small groups
- Attention Autism/Curiosity Programme/Intensive Interaction
- Developing skills of sharing, waiting, taking turns etc.
- Developing understanding of emotions and regulation strategies
- Life Skills – Self-Care focus.