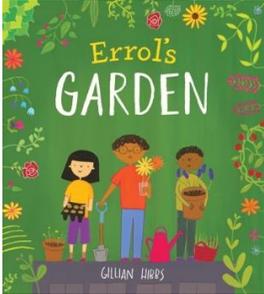
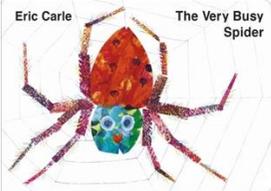


**Reception Topic Overview – Summer 2**

**How do plants grow?**

This half term's topic will build on previous learning from last half term's topic. The children will have developed a good understanding of how fruits and vegetables grow and now we will focus on growing plants and looking after the environment. As Holy Trinity is situated in Birmingham city, many of our children do not have large gardens in their homes and so will not have had experiences of planting and gardening. Many of our children live in flats and so local parks are often their only experiences of seeing plants and flowers. In this topic, the children will have the opportunity to grow their own plants in our school garden and they will be responsible for watering and looking after them.

The children will also explore a range of environmental issues such as pollution, global warming and deforestation, and how we can make changes to overcome these.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Core Text</u></b></p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Whole School Value</u></b></p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Concepts to Explore</u></b></p> <p>Planting, growing, gardening, different plants, flowers, parks, looking after the environment, pollution, recycling, minibeasts, life cycles, weather, seasons</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Key Vocabulary</u></b></p> <p>Plant, flower, leaf, stem, root, tree, grow, seed, sun, water, garden, park, environment, pollution, recycling, minibeast, life cycle, change, weather, season, summer</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Characteristics of Effective Learning</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solve real problems</li> <li>• Controlling their attention and ignoring distractions</li> <li>• Understand another perspective</li> <li>• Correct mistakes</li> <li>• Keep on trying</li> <li>• Make independent choices</li> </ul>
<p>This half term, the children will be reading Errol's Garden. Like many of our children at Holy Trinity, Errol lives in a city flat and does not have a garden. The text explores how Errol, with support of his neighbours, creates a garden on the roof of his tower block. Through this text, the children will learn about how plants grow and what they need to grow. They will also learn about the upkeep of gardens and how different insects may visit the garden. This will lead to the children learning about minibeasts and life cycles of the different creatures that they might find in our school garden.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Additional Enhancement Texts</u></b></p>  	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Core Rhymes and Songs</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dingle Dangle Scarecrow</li> <li>• 5 Little Speckled Frogs</li> <li>• Incy Wincy Spider</li> <li>• Mary Mary</li> <li>• I'm a Little Seed</li> <li>• In the Garden</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Experiences/Enrichment</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planting</li> <li>• Looking after the garden</li> <li>• Taking care of caterpillars</li> <li>• Growing vegetables and fruits</li> <li>• Transition to Year 1</li> <li>• Visit to Church</li> </ul>	

*Note: A breakdown of the skills and knowledge that will be taught this half term is in our progression documents.*