



## Investigating and growing plants



### Growing Challenge

Next half term we will be looking at similarities and differences in relation to living things. The children will make observations of animals and plants. We will be thinking about how plants grow and why things happen.

*Understanding the World: The World*

*ELG: Make observations of animals and plants and explain why things occur, and talk about changes. (40-60months-Look at similarities, differences, patterns and change.)*

Stories are always a good starting point to engage children in learning and encourage them to ask or answer questions. Following on from our Traditional Tales topic can you share the story of **Jack and the Beanstalk** with your child. What happened in the story? Who are the characters? What might happen next? What did the magic beans turn into? Maybe you could plant some beans and see what happens. What will they need to grow?

### **Can you help your child to start investigating and finding out about plants?**

Here are a few ideas that might help:

- Planting some seeds and record what happens with pictures or photos. Look at similarities and differences.
- Investigate seeds you find in fruit.
- Grow some cress.
- Explore your garden. Take photos or draw pictures of what you can see.
- Create some art work or make a model representing flowers and plants.

You might have some other exciting ideas too! We look forward to sharing the children's ideas, creations and observations when we return.

Thank you for your support.