

# TOPIC LEARNING MAT

## Year 1/2 Summer 2 2025

**THE BIG QUESTION: What character would you like to be and why?**

**Exciting Texts:**

Life Cycle of a Duck  
Jack and the Beanstalk

### Let It Grow!

We will be learning about: Life cycles of plants and animals, traditional tales, using and creating maps, describing location and how to make our very own castle!

**Home Challenge:** Can you find out about the life cycle of an animal and display it in as creative a way as possible?

### Key Vocabulary

Life cycle, germination, seed dispersal, temperature, observe, egg, fertilised, incubate, hatch, egg tooth, pipping, human features, physical features, near, far, left, right, location, Judaism, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur

### Sticky Knowledge

Stages in the life cycle of a duck - egg - duckling - duck

Stages in the life cycle of flowering plants - germination - roots - leaves - flowering - seed dispersal.

Plants need air, light, water and nutrients from soil to grow and survive.

Features of the locality around school. Human features include roads, shops, offices. Physical features include rivers, hills, forests, vegetation, weather.

Know left, right, near, far, clockwise, anti-clockwise.

Rosh Hashanah - Jewish New Year. Yom Kippur the holiest day of the year for Jews. It is a day of reflection.

### Skills to practise

Describing the stages in the life cycle of a duck and plant.

Recognising key features on a map.

Using locational language - near, far, left, right, clockwise, anti-clockwise.

Breaking tasks down into precise steps e.g. for brushing teeth or getting ready for school.

Measure, mark out, cut and shape a range of materials accurately.