

Spring Term – Curriculum Information

Winter Wonders & Growing and Changing

Nursery – The Butterflies



Communication & Language

This term we will continue to join in with repeated phrases in stories as well as anticipate the ending of familiar books. We will continue to learn different rhymes with the goal of knowing some off by heart.

In provision we will work on engaging in simple dialogue about play, progressing to using back and forth conversations while playing.



Can you practise your favourite rhymes at home?

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

This term we will continue to follow the rules and routines of Nursery with simple verbal prompts and visual reminders. We will work on taking turns when playing as well as in conversations with our friends.

We will think about ways to keep ourselves healthy, considering what our body needs such as a good night's sleep or plenty of water.



Try playing some board games at home to practise taking turns.

Physical Development

In PE we will be working on ball skills including stopping a rolling ball, throwing, catching and bouncing. We will also begin our dance topic where we will explore travelling movements, shapes and balances.

We will take part in Squiggle Whilst You Wiggle. This involves making big movements with our arms while listening to music, building our gross motor skills in preparation for learning to write.



Put your favourite song on and practise making big and small circles with your arms!

Literacy

'The Enormous Turnip' and 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' are our stories for this term. We will focus on orally sequencing the stories using a class story map. We will begin to look at innovating a story; changing details to make it our own.

We will also learn about rhyming and alliteration. We will read rhyming stories and listen carefully for the words that sound the same. We will play games to focus on listening and recognising the initial sound in words in order to identify words that begin with the same sound.



At home share a story with your family, discussing who is in the story and what has happened to the characters.

Maths

In maths we will learn to represent numbers in different ways including on our fingers, using Numicon and five frames and we will begin to work on numeral recognition. Nursery will subitise numbers to 3 – seeing and instantly recognising the number of items without needing to count.

This term we will look at shapes, starting by recognising and naming basic 2D shapes. In continuous provision Nursery will use 3D shapes to build, selecting appropriate shapes for their purpose. For example, recognising that a sphere will not stack when making a tower.



Go on a shape hunt around your house, how many different shapes can you find?

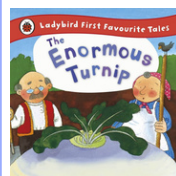
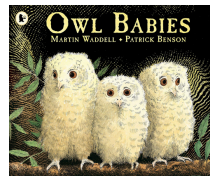
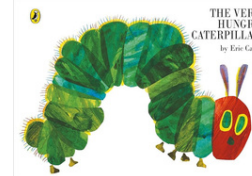
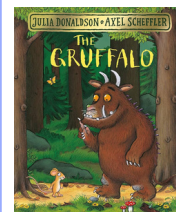
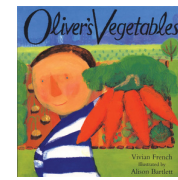
Understanding the World

We will have an exciting delivery of some eggs this term! We will watch them closely, eagerly anticipating them hatching into little chicks! This is part of our topic 'Growing and Changing', where we will look at the life cycle of different animals, including chicks and butterflies.

We will also be planting cress seeds, watching how they grow and taking care to water them regularly!



Try planting a seed at home to see if you can grow your own plant. Don't forget to water it!



Expressive Arts & Design

This term we will look at the work of another artist: Eric Carle who used collage to make artwork. We will look at some of his famous work including The Very Hungry Caterpillar! We will then create our own collages inspired by his work.

We will continue to build our confidence with singing and create listening maps in music based on the stories we are reading.



See if you can teach your family one of our new songs.