

What we are learning this half term.

Welcome back. We hope you had a good Easter break and we look forward to hearing the children's news from their week off. Our topic for this half term is called "There's A Bug At The Bottom Of My Garden". We will be looking at growth and change and how to take care of living things. The children will be planting and caring for seeds and looking after caterpillars as they watch them turn in to butterflies.

We will be looking at non-fiction books about growing, planting and life cycles. We will also be starting our topic off by reading "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" by Eric Carle. The children will have plenty of opportunities to mark make by writing labels for our plants and drawing and labelling the life cycle of a butterfly. The children will continue to practise writing their names.

We will be developing our use of numbers by solving problems and representing numbers by making marks. We will continue to develop our counting skills by counting out a given number of objects and know when to stop! There will be a chance to explore shape and space through block play.

How you can help at home.

Share stories and talk about the characters and settings. Talk about what how stories might end and encourage your child to identify print in the environment e.g. shop signs.

Ask your child to help count out a certain number of items e.g. plates and cups. Look for numerals when you are out and about and look for different shapes in the environment e.g. what shape is a door, a wheel etc.

Look for changes in the environment e.g. blossom and leaves growing on the trees and plants and flowers growing in the garden. Maybe plant a seed together and discuss how you will look after it.

In preparation for school, encourage your child to dress and undress independently e.g. putting on their shoes and coat and to be fully independent in using the toilet.

Reminders

- Nursery session times are 8.40am – 11.40am and 12.25pm – 3.25pm.
- Please make sure **all** items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name.
- Please could your child bring in a spare set of clothes to keep in nursery.
- As the weather starts to get warmer (we hope!) please can your child bring in a sun hat to wear when they go outside. Please can you apply sun cream before your child comes to school. We are unable to apply it in school due to COVID restrictions.
- If your child has to self-isolate due to COVID 19, Nursery will continue to use the Seesaw app to provide Home learning activities. Please ask if you need your login details again.
- Please complete the 'You're a Star' slip below if your child does anything amazing or new at home. We will share it with the rest of the class!



You're a Star!



Name

Achievement

Signature