



Reception
Spring 2
Ready, Steady, Grow

Literacy

This half term we will be focusing on three key texts- The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Jasper's Beanstalk and Mad About Minibeasts.

We will explore the book over two weeks, during this time we will learn new vocabulary and songs related to the text. We will also continue to take care of books, learn about the different parts of a book and share stories regularly.

We will discuss the story during our book talk activities, developing our communication and language skills. Our writing will link to the key text. Throughout this half term the children will continue to learn how to form their letters, recall and retell stories and write words/simple sentences.

Dates for your Diary:

World Book Day- Thursday 6th March

ASPIRE event- Wednesday 19th March 2:15pm-3pm

Parents Evening- Monday 24th March and Thursday 27th March

Mathematics

This half-term we will continue to learn new skills during daily inputs. We will develop these new concepts further during focused adult-led group times. The provision in our maths area will also support children to apply their new knowledge. The children will learn how to:

- Recognise and match numerals to 10 and then 20
- Recall a sequence of events (routines and time of day)
- Compare numbers to 10
- Compose numbers to 10 (number bonds)
- Identify and name the properties of 3D shapes

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will continue to provide opportunities for children to develop a positive sense of themselves and others, to form positive relationships and develop respect for others, to develop social skills and learn how to manage their feelings, to understand appropriate behaviour, and to have confidence in their own abilities. We will continue to follow our daily routine, encouraging the children to take turns, share answers and be actively involved in their learning.

Physical

Children will be provided the opportunity to be active and interactive and to develop their co-ordination, control, and movement daily. The children will have access to the outside environment where they can ride the trikes and scooters and use equipment to learn and develop physical skills. We will use large movements during 'Squiggle while you wiggle', 'GoNoodle' and 'DannyGo' to help develop our gross motor skills. We will use smaller movements during 'Dough Disco' and fine motor activities to develop our fine motor skills. We will also support health and self-care.

Communication and Language

This area of learning consists of listening and attention, understanding and speaking. We have lots of opportunities for discussions and will encourage this during adult-led group times and snack times. We will play alongside children during provision and model language. We will plan activities to develop listening and attention skills.

There will be interventions in place for any children that require additional support with communication and language.

Understanding the World

This half term we will be focusing on the life cycles of plants and butterflies. We will explore the changes that occur throughout each stage of the cycle and learn about the different parts. We will hunt for mini beasts in our outdoor area to see which one we can find the most of.

Expressive arts and Design

We will develop expressive arts and design through imaginative play. We will have small world and role play resources for the children to access. We will enhance the provision to link with our topic and to meet the needs and interests of children. We will create butterfly life cycles using pasta and design beautiful symmetrical butterflies. We will also use our bodies to show how a plant grows from a seed to a fully formed plant and move like mini beasts.

We will have a range of materials available for the children to explore independently on a daily basis. The children will continue to learn how to use our resources effectively, including how to look after the provision. They will have access to arts, crafts and musical instruments.

Reading Books

Book bags are returned every Friday, to allow your child's reading book to be changed. Your child will bring home a levelled reading book or ditty sheets, as well as a shared reading book for the adult to read to the children. The children can develop their ability to talk about the pictures, ask questions and join in repeated phrases. The children love sharing books with their adults and siblings. It promotes a love of reading and responsibility.

Once we begin learning new phonics sounds and your child is able to segment and blend simple words, they will then bring home a reading book that matches their phonics level. The children will be able to make independent attempts at reading these.

School Uniform

Uniform Expectations: We will continue to uphold expectations for school uniform, including: A navy blue jumper or cardigan with or without the school logo; grey trousers, skirt or shorts; white or navy-blue polo shirt with or without the school logo; plain white, grey or black socks or plain grey tights; Plain black trainers or school shoes.

Please ensure uniform is clearly marked with the pupil's name.