

Nursery Summer 1 Newsletter



Growth



A big welcome back to the Summer term of Nursery. We hope you are all safe and well.

This term our whole school topic is 'growth' and we will be learning about growth and change in the local environment. Miss Wright will be planting some beans and we will be watching how they grow and change as well as learning about baby animals.

We will continue to explore rhyme and alliteration, through the author Julia Donaldson and consider the characters, setting and events in the stories.

This half-term we will begin the Read Write Inc phonics programme and learn to read and write set 1 sounds. Miss Compton will introduce the children to a new sound each day and the children will help Fred the frog sound out some words. These videos will be available daily on your child's Tapestry account.

To help the growth of our imagination and curiosity we will meet the Growth Mindset characters, Immy imagination and Katy curiosity. They will support us to be better learners and have positive attitudes towards learning.

The Nursery Team

Dates for the Diary:

Thursday 7th May- Virtual Explorers Café- login to Tapestry to join in with the café activities. We will notify you the week before of any resources you will need.

Home Learning:

From Monday 20th April we are using Tapestry as our main teaching platform. You will be able to login with your child every day for new teaching videos and activities. Every Monday we will post a new 'Learning Project' with all of the activities and videos you can watch that week. We will also be uploading some of the content onto the school website. Each week, please upload at least three pieces of work to Tapestry for us to see.

Our Curriculum:

Communication and Language (C&L)

We will begin the Read Write Inc phonics programme and introduce the children to a new sound each day. The children will develop their listening skills and learn to focus on an activity for a longer period of time. We will focus on learning a new 'Word of the Week' and 'Goldilocks' word, to support and extend the children's understanding and vocabulary.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)

The children will learn about showing sensitivity to other peoples' needs and feelings and how to negotiate and solve problems with others. We will meet the characters Immy imagination and Katy curiosity who will support us to develop a growth mindset. The children will be encouraged to talk about their abilities, opinions and share ideas with others.

Physical Development (PD)

Through phonics lessons the children will learn the correct letter formation and will begin to form recognisable letters. We will support children's fine motor skills and development with dough gym and a range of fine motor activities. We will be planting some healthy vegetables and thinking about how we can all keep active and healthy at home.

Literacy (L)

This half-term we will continue to explore rhyme and alliteration, through the author Julia Donaldson. The children will have daily phonics lessons to teach them how to read and write our set 1 sounds and learn how to orally blend words in 'Fred Time'. For example "c-a-t cat". Through our weekly text we will explore the characters, key events and setting and anticipate what might happen next.

Maths (M)

We will continue to learn our number and shape of the week, focusing on number formation and the properties of 2D shapes. Through play we will explore length, weight and capacity and begin to make comparisons. We will match numerals to quantities and explore some number problems.

Understanding the World (UW)

We will be thinking about using the internet safely to do our learning and what to do if we see something we do not recognise. In our gardens or on our daily walk we will explore our local environment and talk about growth, pattern and changes. We will enjoy time with our families and think about why they are special to us.

Expressive Art and Design (EAD)

We will explore different ways to move to music and use our homemade percussion instruments to play along. The children will learn some new songs and explore some of their favourites. We will think about using tools safely at home and explore shape, form and colour when being creative. We will practise our drawing skills and think about how we can improve our self-portraits.

Useful websites: Phonics play- <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

ABC Does- <https://abcdoes.com>

Purple Mash- <https://www.purplemash.com/sch/queenshill>