



Nursery Curriculum Newsletter- Summer 2 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a lovely break. We are very excited for our final half-term in Nursery; it is going to be a very busy one!

We will be learning all about growth and change. We have been busy planting different types of flower and vegetable seeds in our garden so we look forward to seeing what grows.

We will be observing the caterpillars and watching them transition into butterflies.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes,

Mrs Marsh, Mrs Hayford, Miss Hayes, Mrs Martin, Miss Smith and Mrs Harvey

Reminders

PE lessons are on a Tuesday afternoon and a Thursday morning.

Please ensure your child comes to school in trainers and joggers/leggings on these days. Please ensure long hair is tied back.



Now that the weather is getting warmer, we would like to ask that you put sun protection cream on your child before coming to school. Please also send in a named sun hat to wear in the garden.

Please remember to send a named water bottle each day.

Follow us on X (@HighwoodSchool) where we will be sharing the excellent learning that happens at Highwood.

Communication and Language

We will be revisiting prepositions and ensuring that we are all using the correct positional language during our play. We will have lots of opportunities for asking and answering questions.



We will be learning lots of new words associated with growth and change.

Physical Development

We will be spending more time on the field where we will be practising events for Sport's Day.

We will be recognising and writing our own names.

During our PE sessions, we will be following the Get Set 4 PE scheme, focusing on ball skills and games.



Home Learning

Please see the home-learning grid for some fun activities you can do at home with your child to consolidate their learning.

Take some time to look at your child's library book together. Encourage your child to talk about the pictures.

Most importantly – talk to your child about Nursery and all of the new things that they are doing.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

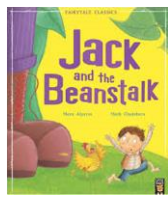
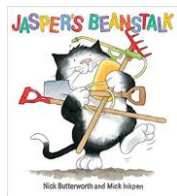
We will be talking about the transition into Reception and all that this involves. Children staying at Highwood will be encouraged to spend more time in the Reception classrooms and getting to know the adults in Reception.

We will continue with our PSHE programme – Jigsaw. We will be focusing on the theme of Changing Me. We will explore healthy eating, growth and change and celebrate the things we have enjoyed this year in Nursery before moving on to Reception.



Literacy

The children will be sharing lots of stories and rhymes. Some of our key texts will be:



We will be continuing with Read Write Inc. phonics where we will introduce a sound a day to the children. There are little sayings to go with each sound which are taught alongside the letter formation. We will also be showing the children pictures of objects beginning with each sound.

Mathematics

We will be counting groups of objects and seeing what happens when objects are added or taken away. We may use marks or numerals to record our findings.



We will be exploring capacity by filling and emptying containers in the water tray. We will introduce the associated vocabulary such as more, less, empty, full, half-full, etc.

Understanding the World

We will be observing the changes to the seeds we planted in our garden and watching them grow into flowers or vegetables. We will also be observing the changes to the caterpillars.



We will be talking about holidays and the different places that we may have visited. We will use maps and globes to find these places and see where they are in relation to where we live.



Expressive Arts and Design

We will be doing observational paintings of flowers. We will explore colour mixing to make the colours we need and we will find out how to make the colours lighter and darker.



We will be continuing to explore mark making in various ways including in sand, soil and paint.



Request for donations

We are always grateful for donations of the following:

- Out of date/unwanted bags of flour that we can use to make dough
- Small boxes, such as those that jewellery is bought in or small pots with lids
- Seeds, compost, living herbs such as rosemary, thyme, mint, etc.



While being voluntary, the Early Years Fund is very much appreciated. From it we buy lots of little extras such as ingredients for making play dough and cooking activities. It is £7.00 each term. Payments can be made electronically through the School Gateway. If you need help with setting up this app, please speak to a member of the office team.