



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a lovely Easter break. We are now excited for our final term in Nursery. It only seems like yesterday they joined us; time has flown by!

We will be starting with a topic on spring and baby animals. We will be thinking about new life and how the outside environment changes during the seasons. We will then move on to learning about growing. If your child has a favourite book about spring, baby animals or growing, they can bring it in to school and we will read it to the class.

Please let us know if there is anything that you are celebrating as a family so that we can talk about it at school. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes,

Miss Gowers, Mrs Hayford, Miss Herbert and Mrs Martin

Reminders



P.E.

P.E. 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.



Library – your child will bring home a library book every Friday. Please return each week so that they can select a new one.



Water bottles – please send a **named** bottle of **ONLY drinking water** in each day with your child.

Maths Stay-and-Play Day – we are holding a maths stay-and-play session for parents and carers. You will be able to come and join your children at school. More details to follow.

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.

Communication and Language

We will be doing lots of speaking and listening as we learn how to take turns in conversation and speak in front of an audience.



We will be learning lots of new words associated with the seasons, baby animals and growing.

Physical Development

We will be spending more time on the field where we have lots of space for running and playing ball games.

We will be recognising and writing our own names.

During PE sessions, we will be following the Get Set 4 PE scheme with a focus on games. We will learn how to listen to and follow instructions, work cooperatively as a team and take turns.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

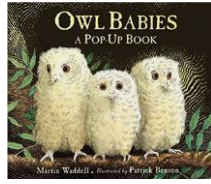
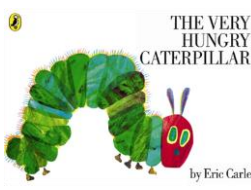
We will be discussing the importance of hygiene and hand washing before snack and lunchtime.

We will continue with our PSHE programme – Jigsaw. We will be focusing on the theme of relationships, which covers families and friendships. We will be talking about how to be a good friend and how we can solve friendship issues when they occur.



Literacy

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



We will be starting 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 looking at different ways of representing numbers using practical objects, our fingers and written numerals.



We will be looking at patterns in the environment, particularly symmetrical ones like those on the wings of a butterfly.

We will also be talking about size in relation to the animals we are learning about. We will be sorting and comparing big and small animals.

Understanding the World

We will be looking at changes in the outdoor area and looking out for signs of spring, as we approach summer.



Spring

We will be busy planting flowers and vegetables in the garden and watching them grow. Hopefully, we will even get to try some of the vegetables when they have grown!



planting

We will be thinking about the lifecycle of a butterfly and will observe our own caterpillars transform into butterflies.



Expressive Arts and Design

We will be singing songs about animals, including Spring Chicken and There's a Tiny Caterpillar on a Leaf.



We will be using different materials to create spring pictures and play dough to make baby animals, thinking carefully about what they look like and doing observational drawings.



We will look at the artist Georgia O'Keeffe and produce some of our own flower drawings and paintings.

Request for donations

We are always grateful for donations of the following:

- Old birthday cards that we can use for cutting up (we only need the front with the picture on)
- Out of date/unwanted bags of flour that we can use to make dough
- Cardboard tubes from kitchen roll or wrapping paper (not toilet rolls)
- Seeds, compost, living herbs such as rosemary, thyme, mint, etc.
- **Urgently need any unwanted buckets and spades**



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.