

Reception Spring 2 Newsletter



Communication and Language

To further develop children's listening we will continue to read a range of stories and ask children to respond with relevant comments, questions and actions. We are encouraging children to ask 'who' and 'why' questions about stories.

Literacy

We are going to start with 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar.' Children love this story and we are trying to encourage the children to write their own stories. We will be doing lots of oral retelling and modelling of writing to support independent writing. We will also be asking the children to write a list of the food the caterpillar eats.



Physical Development

The children will complete 2 sessions a week one with Mrs Jennings and the other with our coach Mr Fenton. One of the sessions will focus on the children's gross motor skills and help them to develop their fine motor skills. The other session will include gymnastics.



Understanding the World

To support our Literacy we are going to be looking at the life cycle of a butterfly. To build on this knowledge we will be allowing children to think of other life cycles they would like to find out about.

We will also be investigating 'Why do Ladybirds have spots?'

We will then move onto enhancing the story 'Handa's Hen' and looking at the life cycle of a chicken.



Phonics

The children are making fantastic progress in their phonics. We have started looking at words with more than 3 sounds (for example, hand, jump, stink) please practise longer words with your child at home. We are going to continue learning new diagraphs including ar, air, or and oy).

**Please remember
Parental Conferences
5.3.19 & 6.3.18. Please
see Mrs Spencer if you
do not have an
appointment**

Numeracy

Children will continue to practise using numbers to 20. We will also be introducing halving and doubling. We will be looking at symmetry by creating butterflies and recapping on patterns.

We will introduce money and use pennies to buy fruit from our story. 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar.'

Expressive Art and Design

The children will be creating a large caterpillar together and then some individual butterflies. We will also be creating a spring display.

The children are lucky to have Mrs Doodson each week for Music. She sings a range of songs with the children and has introduced them to a range of instruments. They enjoy creating their own songs in our music garden.

Homework/Reading books

Your child will continue to bring home a reading book each week. Please hand these in on a Wednesday and we will send a new one home each Friday. Please upload any pictures of things you have been doing at home with your child to tapestry. We love to see what the children have been doing and they really enjoy sharing this with the other children.