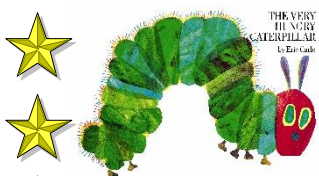


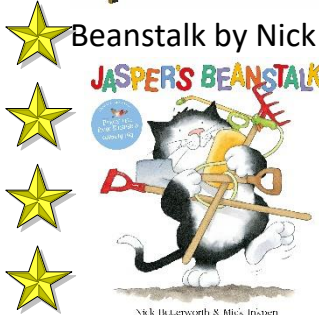


Nursery Newsletter – Spring 2

Welcome back, we hope you had a lovely half term break and are ready for a busy and exciting six weeks.



This half term we will be reading two new stories. The Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle and Jaspers



Beanstalk by Nick Butterworth and Mick Inkpen. We will be learning to make healthy choices and tasting different fruits and vegetables. We will be planting seeds and learning how to take care of them.

IMPORTANT DATES

6th March – World Book Day!

21st March – Red Nose Day – more info to follow

2nd April – Easter Bonnet parade

4th April – Last day of term

22nd April – Back to Nursery

Snack money

Please remember to pay your snack money, in cash to the Nursery team, for this half term (6 weeks). This is charged at **£1 per week** for part time children or **£1.50 per week** for full time and can either be paid in half termly or weekly instalments.

Caterpillars!

This half term we will learning about the lifecycle of caterpillars. We will be watching our own caterpillars grow, build their chrysalis and hatch out as beautiful butterflies.

World Book Day!

The children are invited to come to school in either their pyjamas or fancy dress (story character) to snuggle up and share a story with their friends.

They are also invited to bring their favourite book in to show in class – please ensure that this is clearly named.

We will be spending the day enjoying different book themed activities.

The book fair will be open in the library after school and children will be bringing home their £1 book voucher to spend towards the cost of a book at our book fair or to spend on one of the free titles available in shops.

Easter activities

We would love the children to create an Easter bonnet at home and bring it to Nursery on **2nd April**. We will be going on a special Easter parade around school. During this week, we will also be enjoying an Easter egg hunt, following clues, and searching for eggs in the Nursery and garden.

Many thanks, The Nursery Team
Miss Darnell, Mrs Lawson and Mrs Gill



Personal Social and Emotional Development

We will be continuing to practise personal, social and emotional skills through play in Nursery. We will be taking turns with others and sharing resources.

We will continue to follow Nursery rules and talk about why it is important to do so. We will be talking about a range of feeling and using words to express how we feel.

Characteristics of Effective Learning

Playing and exploring.
-Acting out their experiences.
-Exploring using sense.
-Willing to have a go.
Active learning
-Sustaining concentration.
-Continuing to persevere with an activity.
Creating and thinking critically.
-Having their own ideas, finding ways to solve a problem.
-Linking their learning to previous knowledge.

Communication and Language

We will be expanding our vocabulary, learning, and applying new words linked to our topic.

We will be using talk to describe what we can see and changes in our environment.

We will be asking and answering a range of questions, using them to help drive our learning forward.

I wonder, what was the Hungry Caterpillar's favourite food?

I wonder, how tall can a beanstalk grow?

Expressive Arts and Design

This half term we will be exploring paint mixing, using primary colours to make secondary colours.

We will be using junk modelling to explore a range of fixing techniques.

We will be continuing to practice our drawing, adding detail, and using colour for a purpose.

We will be learning new songs and dances to music and performing these to our peers.

We will be exploring sounds on the music wall, practicing keeping a beat.

Physical Development

In P.E this half term we are learning ball skills.

We will be learning how to control a ball and throw and catch it safely.

We will continue to explore a range of one-handed tools such as children's knives and scissors.

We will continue to practise our gross and fine motor skills.

Understanding the World

We will be learning about the lifecycles of different insects and how they grow, watching our very own caterpillars grow into butterflies.

We will be learning about how different seeds grow and what they need to grow into a flower and plant.

We will be learning about the Easter story and why Christians celebrate Easter. We will be thinking about different traditions around the world.

Literacy

We will be practising our oral blending skills as part of our taught phonics sessions and through play.

We will be copying the letters in our names independently, learning how to hold our writing tool correctly.

We will be retelling some of our favourite stories and changing the words to our own. We will be thinking carefully about story language and learning lots of new vocabulary.

Mathematics

This half term we will be recapping numbers 1-5. We will be ordering and writing numbers and making numbers by combining two groups. We will be practising subitising (the ability to instantly see how many objects are in a small group without counting them).

We will be learning the days of the week and the order in which they fall.

We will continue to develop our understanding of mathematical concepts, such as height and weight, using different ways to measure a range of objects.