

Foundation Stage 1

Newsletter

Summer 1 Term 2023

Please send any photos of your child that you would like to share with us to the email address below. This could be pictures of family celebrations, days out, achievements such as swimming, dancing, riding a bike or anything else that you would like to share with us.

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Communication and Language

We are continuing to use a floor book with our children, each week we add photos of the children and what they have been learning. In small groups the children are becoming really confident to share their thoughts and ideas about what they can see and what they have learned. This half term we are learning the stories of Jack and the Beanstalk, The Runaway Pea and The Tadpole's Promise. We are also learning lots of information about mini-beasts that we have found in the garden outside.

Physical Development

This year our Sports Day will be taking place earlier than usual and so we will be practising our events while we spend time outdoors. Our children are learning to use our long handled gardening tools as we work on our wild garden at the front of Nursery. The children are already becoming proficient at using them and are particularly enjoying digging with the long-handled spades. These activities will support gross motor development which in turn will support the children to have good pencil grip and control.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

All children are making great progress with their social skills, most children are able to share toys and resources and often without being prompted by an adult. Most children are able to solve problems with taking turns and often they will use the sand timer independently to make it fair for all to have their turn. We will continue to support the children this half term in using their words to communicate their wants and needs to others and using manners to ask for things and to thanks others.

Spring Home Learning Ideas

Our learning this half term is based around nature, growing and life-cycles.

As you are in your garden or visit the park with your child, talk about what you can see or hear and how things are different outdoors to when it was the cold of winter. Children are fascinated by nature at this age, they often have no fear about handling small insects and so it is a great time to learn about the world around them.

With each story that we learn in school, we teach the children key vocabulary from the story. We'll send home these key words so that you can also support your children at home in understanding the meaning of these words.

Expressive Arts & Design

We are continuing to focus on supporting the children to take their time and pay close attention to detail when they draw, paint and write and supporting them to review their work and see if or how they could make it even better. We will be working on some whole class projects relating to our nature theme and also some keepsakes for the King's Coronation later in the half term.

Maths

We will continue to practice counting, number recognition and forming numbers every day as we do our register. We have rhymes that we have learned to help us to remember how to form numbers. We will send home this information so you may support your child at home with this learning too. We are continuing to look closely at 1-5, learning the number digits, writing them and knowing and representing the quantity of 1-5.

Literacy

This half term we will be reading lots books around nature and lifecycles, both fiction and non-fiction. We have been to the school library and got lots of books about mini beasts, the children are enjoying finding different mini beasts in the garden, finding the book regarding that animal and then learning lots of facts about them. We are continuing to encourage children to borrow books from our Nursery library shelf, please return these when you have read them with your child.

Understanding of the World

We will be learning about the changing seasons as we explore outdoors, and as the weather changes we will spend much more time outside which enables the children to learn about the natural world around them and about the life-cycles of many different animals.



If you have any queries or questions at all, please do not hesitate to ask or call school on 01302 349275.
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