



# FS1

## Summer 1

### Curriculum Newsletter



Dear Parent / Carer,

This will be the final term in Nursery for our September intake. The children have developed and matured so much. They continue to astound us with their enthusiasm and love of learning. Our January intake have settled well into routines and are now very involved in all aspects of Nursery. We will welcome more new children in April who I am sure will be welcomed by all the children.

## Subject Overviews

### Writing

This term we will continue our learning in Read Write Inc lessons. Children will learn the sound of the letters and how to write them. Some children will begin to use their letter sounds to write simple three letter words.

We will provide opportunities to develop fine and gross motor skills. There will be activities that will strengthen their muscles ready for writing. We will still have the opportunity to mark make using a wide range of media including crayons paint, markers, pencils and through our messy play. Children will be encouraged to write letters using the correct letter formation and the correct pencil grip.

### Reading

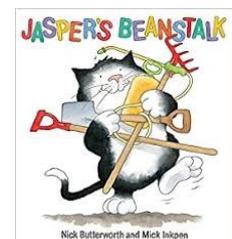
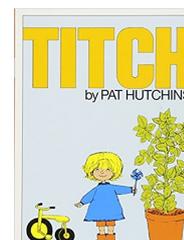
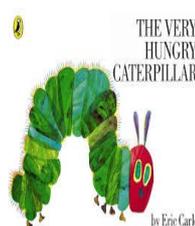
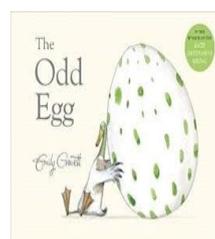
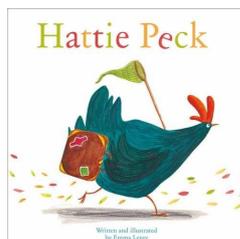
We will share stories related to our topic this half term. Some of the stories we will read together are 'Hattie Peck', 'The Odd Egg' and 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' before moving on to stories about Growing. These include 'Titch' and 'Jasper's Beanstalk'. We will continue to develop our auditory memory skills which is an important pre-reading skill. We will play games and take part in activities that will help us develop these skills. Children will be re-telling and creating their own stories through role play and story props. Some children will begin to use their letter sounds to read simple three letter words.

### Maths

In Maths, we will continue to practise counting using numbers 0-20. Counting forwards and backwards. Counting different things such as jumps and claps. We will explore how numbers change when we add more or take some away. We will be measuring and weighing different things and making comparisons.

### Topic

Our topic this half term is 'Eggs and Growing'. Through stories and rhymes we will be exploring what comes out of eggs. We will be looking at life cycles of living things and making comparisons with ourselves. We will find out about the many things we can do with eggs.



### **Personal Social and Emotional**

Children will develop an awareness of the feelings of others through stories. They are learning how to take turns and share, using words to sort out any issues. We will be talking about caring for living creatures and watching how caterpillars turn into butterflies.

### **Communication and Language**

The children will be introduced to new words associated with growing such as hatching and baby animal names. We will encourage the children to join in with repeated refrains in our stories and poems. We will ask how and why questions to encourage them to extend their sentences and come up with their own explanations.

### **Physical Development**

Children will be practising their movement skills and dance skills in their PE lessons. They will practise moving in different ways to music. Please make sure that the children are suitably dressed on their PE day (Monday) - e.g. girls wearing leggings or trousers.

### **Understanding the World**

Children will explore eggs and discover which creatures lay eggs,. We will also be looking at the similarities and differences of colours in nature and how nature has changed as we move through Spring into Summer. We will talk about life cycles of butterflies and tadpoles and watch these lifecycles taking place. The children will develop their understanding of changes over time including how they have changed over time.

### **Expressive Arts and Design**

We will listen to stories and create our own stories using props. We will look at different ways to create patterns using a variety of media. Everyone will have access to a variety of materials to enable them to express themselves creatively using their own interests.

#### ***Parent Reminder:***

**Please make sure that you label every item of clothing to help the children keep track of their belongings.**

**We are discouraging the children from bringing in toys from home and ask for your support with this please.**

**Our PE sessions are Monday AM and Monday PM.**

**If your children are in Nursery for these sessions please make sure that you send them in with trainers.**

## Homework

### **Reading**

Please continue to share stories with your children at home. Ask the children to explain what has happened in the story. Encourage them to retell and story in their own language. Challenge them to predict the story ending, Here are some helpful questions to ask while you are sharing a story:

- What is happening in the story?
- What do you think will happen next?
- How did the character feel when that happened?

### **RWI**

Encourage children to go on sound hunts, How many things can they find that begin with the same sound. You can practise Fred Talk by playing games such as Simon says e.g. Simon says put on your c.o.a.t

### **Maths**

Encourage your child to do as much counting as possible, this could be counting small groups of objects, counting out how many pieces of cutlery you need to set the table or counting the step as you go up and down them etc.

#### **Upcoming Events in Summer 1**

- 3 May 2021 Bank Holiday No School
- Last Day of Term 28 May 2021