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What we have been up to:

In Nursery we have been...
Planting giant sunflower seeds
and decorating our Mother's day
pots. We have been writing our
names inside and finding our
name cards. We have also been
learning about healthy foods for
a packed lunch.

We have been subitising using
the dice to six and we have
been using duplo blocks to make
the correct number of towers to
match.

We have been learning about
rhyming words and we have
been playing rhyming games.

We have been playing circle
games together and taking
turns.

We have been enjoying working
with our PGCE student Miss
Buck.

Curriculum:

Literacy

We will be reading familiar stories and listening to new stories about minibeasts and insects. We will be re-telling simple stories and making up our own. We will be writing our names and will be encouraged to use a tripod grip. We will continue to play rhyming word games and we will be orally blending and segmenting three letter words. We will be playing games with letter sounds and we will be thinking about the sounds different objects begin with. We will be making up our own versions of familiar Rhymes (like Twinkle, Twinkle and Baa Baa Black Sheep)

How can I help at home? Talk about the letters in your child's name and encourage them to write it at home. Recognise letters in the environment and make up your own versions of rhymes they know.

Maths

We will continue to sing number songs and rhymes in group times and we will be comparing size, length, weight and height using the correct vocabulary. We will be continuing to learn about shapes and their properties and building 3D structures with large and small blocks and construction equipment outside. We will be continuing to subitise using a dice to six.

How can I help at home? Talk about shapes you can see at home and around the house or when on a walk to the park.

Understanding the world

We will be looking at simple life cycles of chicks, frogs and caterpillars and we will be looking after our bulbs and plants. We will be planting some vegetables and caring for them. We will be exploring forces using magnets and magnetic toys. In the Nature garden we will be exploring natural materials and searching for creepy crawlies and bugs using magnifying glasses.

How can I help at home? Encourage the children to talk about what they see in the natural environment in the garden, at home or on a walk to the park.



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Curriculum:

Expressive Arts, Being Imaginative

We will be searching for creepy crawlies and drawing them. We will be painting ladybird stones. We will be playing musical instruments and keeping simple rhythms and a steady beat. we will be singing familiar songs and learning new ones. We will be mixing colours using paint.

How can I help at home? Explore paint and art materials at home to make your own creations. Use scissors correctly to have a go at cutting different materials and cut around simple shapes and along lines.

Communication & Language

We will be continuing to sing familiar songs and rhymes and we will be learning new ones. We will be encouraging children to use longer words to describe and explain. We will be supporting children's language in the role play and continuous provision.

How can I help at home? Get your child to ask and answer questions about familiar stories at home. Sing songs and rhymes together.

Curriculum:

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We will be exploring positive relationships, good manners and how to be a good friend. We will be continuing to talk about Nursery rules and boundaries when needed.

How can I help at home? Encourage and talk about how to be polite and respectful at home and how you can be a good friend.

Physical Development

We will be playing games together and learning different ball skills. We will also be using hoops, quoits and beanbags to make up simple games. We will be using balance bikes, trikes and climbing and balance equipment to develop core skills. We will be using the parachute to play games together as a group.

How can I help at home? Encourage your children to walk, ride their bike or scooter to school to stay fit and healthy. You could develop their fine motor skills by making play dough together, cooking, doing puzzles, sewing or threading items.

Reminders / Key Dates:

Training day

17 April

Spring Celebration

19 April

May Bank Holiday

1 May

Coronation Bank Holiday

8 May

Class photos

9 May

Half term

29 May - 2 June

Our topic this term is:

Minibeasts