

### Communication and Language Development

Our home corner will be set up as a lounge and will have a variety of books, gardening equipment, tea sets and telephones and message pads to encourage role play. Additionally, the children will take part in weekly 'News time', 'I wonder' and 'Helicopter Stories' sessions to enable them to develop their language skills and confidence. We will also be visiting the library again this term to exchange our books.

### Physical Development

This term our PE focus will be 'Gymnastics' where we will experiment the different ways our bodies can move and in negotiating space and obstacles. The children will also have the opportunity to use gymnastics equipment safely. PE will continue to be on Friday mornings.

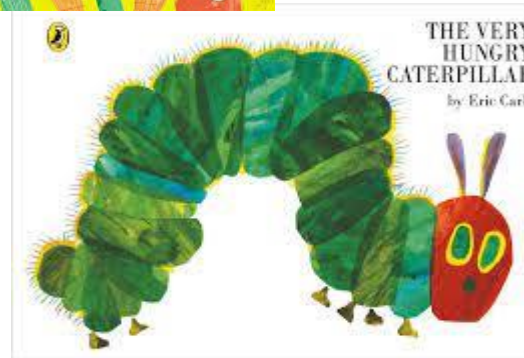
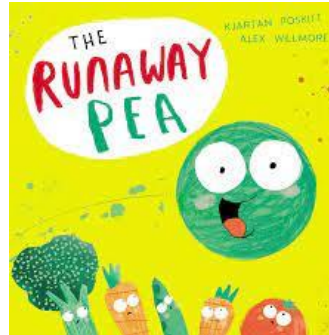
We will continue to practise our Fine Motor Skills with weekly activities including cutting and using a range of small tools to help improve our handwriting. We will also continue to explore our school environment and we are hoping to go on a local walk to the local library and to church.

### Expressive Arts and Design

We will be experimenting with paints, mixed media, ink pads and resources such as block play to see what we can create with a variety of materials.

We will continue to develop our singing voices and we will learn to sing a range of well-known nursery rhymes and songs, perform songs, rhymes, poems and stories with others, and try to move in time with the music.

## Reception Term 4 2024 'Spring to Life'



### Understanding the World

We will be exploring the natural world around us, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants. We will be discussing how we care and respect for our environment and we will discuss the different plants and trees we can see within our school environment and on our local walks. We will also be having some chicken eggs arriving and we will be able to watch the chicks hatch out and care for them.

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be following the Jigsaw scheme of work focusing on 'Healthy Me'. As we are a Values based school, we will be exploring the value of 'Courage' this term. We will also be talking to the children about the importance of recycling and we will be exploring different fruits and vegetables.

### Literacy Development

We will be listening to the stories 'The Runaway Pea' by Kjartan Poskitt, and 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle. We will remind the children of the elements of books such as the title, blurb and pictures. We will talk about what happens in the story and answer questions about why the characters acted as they did. The children will be encouraged to become more independent in their writing and will be encouraged to write sentences and to join them with 'and'. The children will continue to take part in guided reading three times a week and daily phonics sessions where we will be focussing on reading longer words such as 'shimmer', 'carpark' and 'zooming'.

### Mathematics Development

The children will continue to develop a deep understanding of numbers to 10. We will recap recording addition and subtraction number sentences. The children will also move on to solving word problems. We will continue to review concepts the children have not grasped and any gaps in their learning. We will be encouraging the children to become more independent in their recording of maths and to use a range of mathematical language.