



NURSERY CURRICULUM LETTER

SUMMER 1 Term 2025

Staff:

Mrs Naik is the class teacher, and our wonderful assistants are Mrs Patel who works in Nursery full-time, Mrs Slater works mornings in Nursery and Mrs Hoole works on a Thursday morning and part of the afternoons. We are always here to help. Miss Young will be taking the class on Monday afternoons.

Key information:

This half term we will continue our PE lessons which will take place on a Monday. The children will be required to take their jumpers, shoes and socks off and put them back on again. Please practise this with your child at home.

Theme:

Our current topic for the first half of the Summer term is called 'Down at the bottom of the garden'. This involves us looking at various stories related to growing and the life cycle of a butterfly. The books we will be looking at are the following:

Week 1 and 2 – Spring and The Enormous Turnip.

Week 3 and 4 The Hungry Caterpillar.

Week 5 – Jasper's Beanstalk and Jack and the Beanstalk.





This is what we are focusing on in the 7 areas of learning over the next half term

Communication and Language

The children will now be expected to use longer sentences when talking, and this will be modelled in everything we do. They have already started expressing their views, but they will be taught how to do this in an appropriate way using actions and words.



An emphasis will be placed on organising their play, taking turns in conversations and listening to each other

Personal, social and emotional development

The children will look at how they have changed, they will compare what they could do as a baby and what they can do now. We will talk about the children going into school, what will be different and any worries they may have. We will walk around the school in small groups, so they become familiar with the setting. Our topic for myHappyMind this half term is 'relate'. We will start by looking at the three things needed to be a good listener which are look at who you are listening to, nod your head to show you understand and ask questions if you don't understand.

Physical development

The children have done really well with their big movements such as hopping, jumping, skipping etc, these will continue as we develop our fundamental movements through the story of 'The Hungry Caterpillar'. This half term there will be a great emphasis on their fine motor skills (small movements). We will continue to do lots of activities related to fine motor skill and will also practice writing our names regularly. We will practise using a knife and fork and making healthy choices when eating.



Literacy

Phonics is taught daily as a whole class, we will be reinforcing and consolidating the letters that have been taught and doing lots of sound talking, this involves precise listening and sounding out words. The children are becoming good at listening to longer stories and we will develop this further by engaging them in extended conversations and them learning new vocabulary. Our role play has become a garden centre so there will be lots of opportunities for them to write lists and use their letter knowledge.



Mathematics



Most children can now recognise their numbers to 5 which is a great achievement; however, we will still be reinforcing this on a regular basis by going through our numbers and counting out objects of a given number. We will look at real world mathematical problems to 5 using practical methods. There will also be lots of pattern work, and children will be encouraged to follow and make ABAB patterns and also notice an error in a repeating pattern.

Understanding the world



We have ordered some real-life caterpillars so the children will be able to see the life cycle of a butterfly, which will be so exciting. We planted daffodil bulbs in October, the children have now seen them grow and flower. We have lots of herbs in our outdoor kitchen which the children are caring for, watching them grow, feeling and smelling them and using them in our outdoor kitchen. The children will be growing various seeds and watching them grow. We will also grow beans and look at the roots.

Expressive arts and design



This half term there will be an emphasis on using the small world so that the children use their imagination to make complex stories which again will extend their vocabulary further. We will also take this role play outside using the large equipment. The children will also be doing lots of singing, making up their own songs and performing to their friends. They will also be playing instruments to express their feelings and ideas.



Religious Education

This half term we will be looking at 'Stories Jesus Heard'. The stories covered will be Creation, David and Goliath, Noah's Ark and Jonah and the Whale. We will look at artefacts from these stories, re-telling them, acting them out and seeing how they are linked to other religions.



LUNCHTIMES



A school dinner costs £1 a day and is to be paid in at the school office. Afternoon children eat their packed lunches as soon as they come into the nursery so, please do not give your child their lunch at home. Please provide your child with a healthy packed lunch and no fizzy drinks or sweets please.

NURSERY FUND



Please remember to pay your nursery fund every week. It is £1 a week, and goes towards resources for your child such as play dough, cooking ingredients, paint, paper, fruit, milk etc.

TOILET TRAINING



Please ensure that your child is toilet trained. If you are struggling with this, please come and speak to a member of our staff. **All** children should now be out of nappies unless they have a specific need.