

Half Term Curriculum Overview

Living Things



Nursery Spring 2 - 2023

Literacy

Reading:

This half term we will continue to explore stories and texts together. We will focus on children's ability to recall key information and predict what might happen next. We will use a range of questioning to assess children's understanding of the setting, events and characters. During independent learning time children will be encouraged to explore books independently. Children will continue to learn how to handle books carefully and understand that print carries meaning.

Writing:

Before children are able to write they must first develop pre-writing skills. These include, developing control of mark making tools, through a tripod grip and giving meaning to marks they make. Over the next half term, children will continue to develop their fine motor skills through a range of activities to support the development of a tripod grip. Children will have the opportunity to mark make with a range of resources and will be encouraged to draw shapes and different types of lines. Some children will begin to practice writing their names. All children will be encouraged to give meaning to marks they make and describe what they have done.

Maths

Number

Through adult led teaching and during independent learning time, children will be developing confidence in counting to 10. Children will continue to develop their understanding of numbers and counting through activities such as counting the number of plants or animals in a group. Children will be encouraged to use their fingers to represent different numbers to 5. We will begin to recognise numerals in the environment and some children will be challenged to order these up to 5.

Shape, space and measure

Children will be developing an understanding of shape, space and measures through exploring the features and characteristics of different living things, such as comparing the sizes and shapes of different leaves and animals.

Focus Books

The Very Hungry Caterpillar – Eric Carle

Superworm – Julia Donaldson

What the Ladybird Heard – Julia Donaldson

Growth Mindset

Taylor the Teamwork Star

Homework

For this half term your child's homework is:

- To practice putting their coats on independently, including fastening the zip.
- To go on nature walks and identify some of the plants and animals you see.
- To tell a story using the pictures from a book.

Understanding the World

People and communities

We will continue to celebrate how unique we are and develop our ability to talk about what makes us special. Children will have the opportunity to talk about ways in which they are similar and different to other children, celebrating uniqueness. As we approach Easter, children will be learning about how people celebrate and some of the key meanings behind it.

The World

We will continue to develop our knowledge of how things grow and change by observing the world around us. Children will be taught to show care and concern for living things and the environment. We will be exploring the different things plants and animals need to grow.

Past and Present

Children will be learning to recognise how things grow and change. Children will talk about things are different now compared to before through the concept of growth.

Physical Development

Moving and Handling

We will continue developing our confidence to move safely in a range of ways. Children will have access to the outdoor provision each day, providing opportunity to run, skip, dance, jump and climb. We will be introducing 'Squiggle While you Wiggle', where children will be developing the coordination and skills needed in writing. Children will be using 'flappers' to dance and make patterns. Children will have daily access to fine motor activities such as playdough, tweezers, and the use of other small tools. This will support children to develop the hand strength they need for writing.

Health and Self Care

Children will continue to work on developing their independence. We will also be focusing on attending to toileting needs independently. Children will be learning to recognise dangers and think about their own safety, such as when they are climbing.

Expressive Arts and Design

Using media and material

Through independent learning, children will have the opportunity to use a range of tools and resources to be creative. Children will be encouraged to combine materials and colours to create their desired effect. Through our topics living things, children will be encouraged to use art to represent natural things they have observed.

Being Imaginative

We will be using small world and role play areas like our stage and home corner to help us continue to develop our imagination. Children will be exploring musical instruments and listening to different types of music. They will be encouraged to move in different ways to music and create their own

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