



I hope you all had a wonderful break, and a very warm welcome to all of our new families. It has been lovely meeting our April starters and seeing them settle into Nursery life. At the same time, this term is always an emotional one as we begin preparing to say goodbye to our Nursery 2 children. If your child is starting school in September, please keep an eye on Class Dojo for important updates about transition activities and information.

In class this term, we will be exploring the natural world through our topics *Small Beasts* and *Animal Boogie*. To bring our learning to life, we will be visiting the farm and the local park, giving the children rich opportunities to observe, explore, and discover the world around them.

### Important Dates:

- Early Years Breakfast– WC 03.06.25
- Sports Day- 22.06.26
- Transition Day for Reception – 09.07.26



### Home Learning

Please join us at our after school reading sessions. You can also support your child's learning by practising the following with them:



Nursery Rhymes

- Incy Wincy Spider
- Row, Row, Row your boat
- Head Shoulders Knees and Toes
- Wheels on the Bus

Other areas:

- Counting to 10
- Drawing pictures with increasing accuracy
- Recognising their name

### Stories:

#### Summer 1

##### - Jasper's Beanstalk/ Hungry Caterpillar

In Summer 1 we use the stories above to enhance our learning about life cycles and growing. We will read our story Jaspers Beanstalk and think about what plants need to grow, before planting our own. Our text 'Hungry Caterpillar' will help us learn how to order a story. We will also use the texts to support us to learn about life cycles and growing. There will be non-fiction weeks within the half term, where we will learn to sort the caterpillars food between healthy and unhealthy and also continue with ordering, where we will follow and make instructions for a healthy fruit kebab.

#### Summer 2

##### Animal Boogie/ Walking through the Jungle

Nursery will venture around the world to meet different animals through our stories Animal Boogie and Walking through the Jungle. This half term we will draw pictures and attempt to write some initial sounds for the pictures. Our focus is going to be giving meaning to our marks and take part in writing for different purposes e.g. animal fact files and maps. We will also begin to write some letters from our name.

### Communication and Language

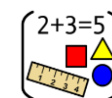
In Colourful Semantics this half term, we will be learning to speak in longer sentences. Some of these sentences will include 'where' and some will include adjectives such as 'soft' 'tall' or 'fluffy'. When reading stories and talking about the world around us, we will be able to answer 'wh' questions with less prompts and begin to answer with more detail. Our stories will help us to also begin to recall a simple order of events.



### Maths

**Summer 1:** In Summer 1 we further our learning on sorting. We start by recapping the word 'same' and then use our knowledge to sort and group objects with the same attributes e.g. size and colour. We will also focus on being able to count to at least 5 in the correct order, often using number rhymes to do so. Nursery will also continue with our work on subitising and be encouraging children to say what they can see in the environment, stories and pictures. Children will also use prepositions to describe the position of an object.

**Summer 2:** In Summer 2, we will draw all of our learning on numbers to 5 together to begin to look at the composition of each number and how it is made, using the sentence stems '\_\_\_ is made of \_\_\_ and \_\_\_.'



### Super Sounds

#### Step 1/ 2 :



We will learn to match and copy sounds with our voices and bodies.


#### Step 5:

We will learn how to hear the similarities and differences in spoken sounds at the start of words.

**PSHE:**


We are encouraging children to communicate their feelings clearly so they can begin to solve small problems independently.

Alongside this, they are learning to cooperate with others in games and play sequences, sharing ideas, negotiating roles, and working together.

Independence continues to be a big focus, particularly for our Nursery 2 children. Children are becoming more confident in self-care routines, such as toileting and dressing, and are working hard to put on their own coats. Please support this at home. 

**Expressive Arts and Design**


As we develop our fine motor skills, we will create drawings and painting that have increasing detail. We will look at flowers and create observational drawings of them, as well as having a go at drawing our own butterflies and animals in Summer 2.

As part of our Big Bake, in Summer 1 we will create healthy fruit kebabs, using fruits from the Hungry Caterpillar story. In Summer 2, we will make sandwiches to share at our Teddy Bears picnic. 


**Physical Development**

As some children prepare for their onward journey to Reception, our main focus this term is making sure our bodies (including fingers) are strong enough to support us with writing and other activities that require muscle strength.

Children will take part in a range of daily movement sessions to support this. We will learn how to drop and bounce a ball, jump over low objects, hold a basic plank and walk across uneven surfaces with more control.

With our fine motor skills, we will focus on drawing with increased accuracy and control and being able to imitate a range of lines, including circles and squiggles. We are learning to use the correct pencil grip, to support children on their writing journey. Our fine motor sessions take place first thing, so please make sure that your child is in school on time to fully support them in this area. 

**Understanding The World**

This half term we will observe changes in our Nursery garden. In our Key Worker groups we will plant lots of seeds as well as grow our own beanstalks alongside reading about Jasper's Beanstalk. I wonder who will be hiding at the top of ours? We will also have a visit from a group of caterpillars! We will watch and observe the caterpillars as they turn into magical butterflies and we can release them into the wild. 

In Summer 2, Nursery will adventure through different habitats such as the jungle and the ocean to meet lots of different creatures. We will look at who lives in each habitat and think about what it is like in each habitat.

**Attendance Ladder**



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