

Communication and Language

Daily carpet time as a whole class and further opportunities in small groups will help the children listen for longer periods of time, taking into account what others have said. Children will be encouraged to share their ideas and understanding through expanded sentences using and, because and but.

Physical Development

PE lessons will be focussing on moving in different ways and moving on and off apparatus safely. Yoga and dance are incorporated into our music and story telling. The children will also be learning how to take care of themselves in warm weather by learning about sun safety.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development.

We will be focusing on looking after the environment with an emphasis on looking after living things, showing care and concern for others - plants and animals.

A new breathing technique will be introduced each week, along with our continued awareness of the zones of self-regulation.

Literacy

The children have already been enjoying the themed topic books around the classroom based on spring and growing. We have read 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle and will use this fiction book to make links to non fiction books to explore life cycles. The children will learn about labels, captions and instructions.

The children in Reception are all starting Phase 4 on their phonics journey. Please do continue to support learning with reading and flashcards- (please see the additional parent guide to phase 4.)

Mathematics

Nursery:

Symmetrical patterns with butterflies as a starting point and investigating capacity and weight.

Reception

Each week we focus on a different area of learning from money to addition and subtraction, comparing numbers and doubling and halving.

So much of our maths work is woven into the activities in the environment.

Understanding the World

There will be a focus on caterpillars and butterflies as we look after our very own, making observations about the changes we see. We are so lucky that our resident blue tit has laid her eggs over the holiday, the children were so excited to see the 11 eggs in the bird box outside our window!

Learning about different cultures is so important and this term we will investigate the celebration of Eid.

Expressive Arts and Design

Our new small world and creative areas really promote independence for the children to use the resources to get creative supporting language and of course problem solving.

They will be looking at patterns including the symmetry of a butterfly. Music lessons continue weekly.

Our Summer 1 topic is: Lifecycles and our world.

