



Nursery Summer 1



Welcome back!

Our final term in Nursery is set to be a busy one with lots of exciting things to explore and discover.

Don't forget to look at Seesaw for a glimpse into our action packed days and if you have any questions please do ask at the door.

Mrs Clarke, Ms Rankin and Mrs Wilkes

Reminders

- Please send your child into school with a named drinking bottle each day.
- Please can you ensure your child has a named bag to leave on their peg with spare clothes including underwear and socks and that **everything** (including their coat) is labelled as this really helps them and us!
- Please check Seesaw for regular updates about your child's learning and for any important dates and information.

Key Dates

17th April – EYFS Parent Workshop SALT Communication Team 9am – 10am (School Hall)

1st May – School Photographs

2nd May – School Closed Polling Station

6th May – School Closed Bank Holiday

8th May – Bike and Roll to school day

W/C 20th May – Walk to School Week

How to support your child at home

Encourage your child to be as independent as possible – taking off and putting on their own coat and shoes, making attempts at doing up zips and buttons, using the toilet, wiping, flushing and washing their hands and tidying away their own toys etc.

Share stories together, talking about what they can see on each page, what happened in the story and if they liked or disliked the book.

Practise counting in a variety of ways such as up and down stairs, place settings at the table etc.

Encourage lots of mark making eg writing cards, shopping lists, drawing/painting pictures etc.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

As we now know our classroom so well and have built many solid relationships with our peers, our teachers will be encouraging us to explore our learning environment more independently, choosing resources we need ourselves to carry out tasks we want to complete and creating games we want to play with our chosen friends.

Our Heathlands Value this half term is Responsibility. Our friend Rohan Responsibility will help us to take care of our things reminding us to hang up our own coats and bags and to take care of our classroom and

Expressive Arts and Design

Our new Garden Centre role play will help us to continue to develop our imaginations this half term as we take on different characters and create exciting scenarios during our play.

We will also continue with our focus on drawing and painting with detail, taking inspiration from the beautiful plants and wildlife the season of Spring brings with it.

Literacy

This half term will be filled with stories, songs and texts all about growing. We will enjoy titles such as Jack and the Beanstalk, Titch, Jasper's Beanstalk and 5 Little Speckled Frogs.

As our phonics journey continues we will move into phase 2 and with the help of our school wide phonics programme, Read Write Inc, we will begin to learn the sounds, the letter shapes that represent them and how to form the letters correctly when writing. Fred our phonics frog will still continue to help us with counting syllables in words and to oral blend words eg. c-a-t cat during our play in Nursery.

Communication and Language

We will have lots of opportunities to talk and listen to our teachers and peers in group time and during play this half term, having conversations about our changing environment now Spring is here, our celebrations, traditions and family life and how we have changed from babies into children.

Our teachers will also help and encourage us to remember and use our new vocabulary learnt from songs, stories and in our maths learning.

Maths

This half term focuses on height, length and measure. We will be introduced to vocabulary such as short, tall and long and will learn how to measure things using non-standard measurements eg. Cubes. Our teachers will encourage us to use the new vocabulary to explain and talk about items we explore in our play.

Understanding the World

We are so excited to hear about and share our celebrations of Easter and Eid from over the holidays. We will spend time talking with our friends about the exciting things we did with our families and see how they are similar or different.

As Spring is now in full flow we will have lots of opportunities to explore, investigate and examine how the world around us, including plants and animals has changed with this new season and with the warmer weather, will enjoy planting and learning to care for our Nursery garden.

Physical Development

Activities to develop our fine and gross motor skills will continue this half term with a focus on muscle strength, co-ordination and balance. Activities such as squeezing out sponges, riding bikes, building dens and obstacle courses and post games will be available to us both inside the classroom and in the outside area.