
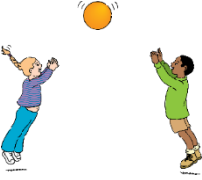
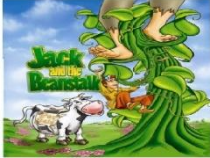







Summer Term 2026 Nursery Newsletter	Topics: Summer one -Growing, Physical activities Summer two - Pirates
Personal, social and emotional development 	The children will be encouraged to have a positive approach to activities and events. Emphasis will be placed on the importance of looking after each other and the animals and plants in the Nursery environment. During this term there will be a focus on transition to their reception class. To develop their self-confidence they will be encouraged to express their needs and feelings.
Physical Development 	In addition to daily physical activities (balls, climbing, scissor and threading activities) the children will have planned physical sessions which will encourage sharing, making up games and accepting rules. These sessions will lead up to our sports day where the children will demonstrate skills they have learnt. The children will be encouraged to mark make and form the shape of objects and letters. Health and hygiene are taught through discussion and demonstration for example hand washing, nose wiping and snack time. We will be looking at the importance of exercise and eating healthy foods. The children will be taking part in forest school every other week.
Communication and Language 	This term the children will listen to a variety of stories and be encouraged to describe story settings, events and characters. To help develop their language skills they will be involved in role play and storytelling linked to stories about growing (Jack and the Beanstalk, Jasper’s beanstalk and Titch). The children will continue to listen to and follow instructions, interact with others and use the codes of turn taking in conversation.
Literacy 	To develop their reading skills the children will take part in a phonics session. They will be encouraged to identify and make up their own rhymes. The focus will be on children hearing and experimenting with sounds in speech and the environment. The children will be retelling stories and making up their own.
Mathematics 	Throughout the Nursery and in small group sessions the children will be counting objects (treasure, pirates, beans, and golden eggs), comparing sets, sorting, matching number and quantity. They will be looking at variations in size by measuring themselves, objects and plants. The children will be encouraged to use positional and directional language spontaneously and talk about shapes in the environment.
Understanding the world  	The children will be planting beans, sunflower seeds, potatoes and cress. They will talk about what a plant needs to grow and develop good observational skills. Nonfiction books will be placed around the Nursery so that children can be guided to develop any of their own personal interests. The life cycle of a bean and butterfly will be observed in the nursery throughout the term. The children will be looking at maps and making their own maps linked to our pirate topic. We will talk about how pirates live and look at life in the sea. The children will continue to operate the sound buttons and remote-control bugs. Children will be encouraged to share their festivals and celebrations with the class. Please let staff know if you are having a celebration or festival so we can share this in class.
Expressive Arts and Design 	This term the children will be using movement actions to role play characters from the stories linked to our topics. They will learn to tap a simple rhythm, imitate and create movements in response to music based on the topic themes. The children will have the opportunity to create props for their role play. They will be encouraged to talk about the things they have made. The children will begin to add more detail to their pictures thinking about the setting. There will be a focus on colour mixing. They will be using a variety of textures in their creations and encouraged to describe these textures.