



Nursery Weekly Focus

Week Beginning: 13th May 2024

We were sad to say goodbye to the chicks and ducks last week. We had so much fun, watching them growing, holding and stroking them. We hope they go to lovely homes and live happy lives. We also look forward to seeing the parents on Thursday 16th May for our maths workshop. Please come along and help me with my maths and play lots of games.

In Literacy this week, we will begin continue with our text, 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. We will use role play and a story map to help us learn to retell the story. We will draw the character in the book and sequence the story.

In Maths this week, we will continue practising our counting skills. We will be doing lots of measuring, we will measure volume, capacity and length.

In RE, we will continue with our unit 'Pentecost - The Air Around Us. We will learn the story of Pentecost. We will learn that red is the colour used at Pentecost. We will also learn that the Holy Spirit is a special friend who helps us. **With your child, can you talk about some special friends that help you.**

In Understanding the World, we will continue with our topic of 'Keeping Healthy. We will learn about the importance of washing ourselves so that we are clean and get rid of any germs. We will have some activities around washing in our continuous provision to begin this new topic.

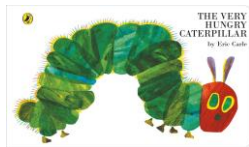
In Expressive Arts & Design, we will think about 'Keeping Healthy' and we will explore mixing different colours like the colours of different fruits.

Focus words this week: **cocoon, volume, air, colours, length**

Talk about the words and what they mean. Can you use these words within a sentence throughout the week?

Focus Story:

The Very Hungry Caterpillar



Maths Focus: Measure

Can you measure out different liquids at home?

Can you measure the length of some of your toys at home? Can you talk about which is biggest, smallest, many, few, most, least, longest and shortest.

Rhyme of the week

This is the way we wash
This is the way we wash our hands,
Wash our hands, wash our hands.
This is the way we wash our hands
So early in the morning.
This is the way we wash our face,
Wash our face, wash our face.
This is the way we wash our face
So early in the morning.
This is the way we brush our teeth,
Brush our teeth, brush our teeth.
This is the way we brush our teeth
So early in the morning.

Story Time

Reading books will be changed on a Monday. Please send your child's book bag into school each day with their planner and reading book. Please ensure the planner is signed to show that you have read with your child. Thank you.

Reminder: We will open the gates for the morning parents to come and collect the children from the classroom and for the afternoon parents to bring their child down and help them with their coat and bag.

Nursery Staffing Arrangements

The Nursery class is being taught by a Nursery Team of staff: Mrs Bamforth, Mrs Evans (Teacher) and Mrs Machin (Teaching Assistant).

If you have any concerns, please contact Mrs Hannett.



As the weather is improving, please ensure your child has sun cream applied to them prior to coming to school.

Please send in a sunhat to wear when we are outdoors. If you want these can be kept in school, please just make sure your child's name is clearly labelled.

Home Readers

As you will have noticed, each of your children brought home a 'home reader' book. These are for you to read with your child and develop an enjoyment and excitement for reading.

You can change these books whenever you are ready too.

Morning parents: In the morning, when you drop your child off, there is a bookcase in the cloakroom, this is where the home readers are kept, please, return and collect a new one when you need too.

Afternoon parents: At the end of the day, when you collect your child, there is a bookcase in the cloakroom, this is where the home readers are kept, please, return and collect a new one when you need too.

This week the children will:

- Continue to practice our counting daily, numbers up to 16, when we count the children in class.
- We will read the story 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'.
- We will learn to retell the story through a story map, actions and role play.
- We will draw the character and sequence the story.
- We will practice counting.
- We will practice measuring.
- Practice writing some pre-writing shapes and our names.
- We will begin to learn about keeping our bodies clean.
- We will mix different colours
- Practising using our manners, saying 'Yes please', and 'No thank you' during snack time.
- We will learn to use 1p to pay for our snack at snack time.
- Practising taking turns and sharing during our guided play.
- We will role play in a Dentist Surgery.
- We will learn about Pentecost.
- We will listen to the story of Pentecost.
- We will learn that red is the colour used at Pentecost.
- We will think about how the Holy Spirit is a special friend, which helps us.
- We will also continue to learn our daily prayers.

Important dates

Thursday 16th May - Maths workshop for parents to come and work with their child on some counting maths skills.

Morning workshop - 10:45-11:45

Afternoon workshop - 2:15-3:15

Parents come to reception and we will come and collect you from there.

Thursday 16th May - Census Day: If your child stays all day, we encourage you to book a hot meal. See our board for the menu.

Friday 17th May - Mad Hair Day - Pledge a pound to raise money for Fr Hudson. Children can come into school with mad hair. Please bring £1 to support the charity.

Saturday 18th May - School Mass at St Joseph's Darlaston, 4pm. All welcome.