



Nursery Weekly Focus

Week Beginning: 6th May 2024

It has been a very exciting week, when the chicks arrived in Nursery last Monday and our first chick hatched the following day. The ducks are living in Reception and they have started hatching too. It's been so thrilling watching them hatch and grow.

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

In Maths this week, we will continue practising our counting skills. We will also practice writing our numbers.

In RE, we will begin our unit 'Pentecost - The Air Around Us. We will learn the story of Pentecost. We will learn that air can make things happen and that some things are invisible. **With your child, can you talk about some things that the air does and things that are invisible.**

In Understanding the World, we will begin our new topic of 'Keeping Healthy. We will have some activities around teeth cleaning and washing in our continuous provision to begin this new topic.

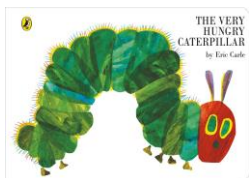
In Expressive Arts & Design, we will think about 'Keeping Healthy' and we will paint using toothbrushes, looking at the different textures and marks they can make.

Focus words this week: **number, Pentecost, toothbrush, caterpillar**

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



Rhyme of the week

5 little speckled frogs

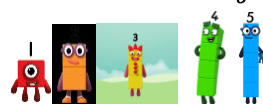
Five little speckled frogs,
Sat on a speckled log,
Eating some most delicious bugs.

Yum yum!

One jumped into the pool,
Where it was nice and cool,
Then there were four green speckled
frogs.

Glug glug!

Maths Focus: Counting numbers



Can you practice counting?

Can you count different objects, by
pointing to each object as you count?

Can you put these numbers in the right
order?

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 practice counting.
- We will practice writing our numbers.
- Practice writing some pre-writing shapes and our names.
- We will begin to learn about keeping our teeth clean.
- We will paint with toothbrushes.
- 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 Doctor's Surgery.
- We will learn about Pentecost.
- We will listen to the story of Pentecost.
- We will think about the different things air can do.
- We will think about things which invisible.
- We will also continue to learn our daily prayers.

Important dates

MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY - Monday 6th May - School closed to everyone

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.

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.

BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM - Friday 24th May