



# Summer 1

## Growing and Changing



Early Years Foundation Stage

(EYFS)  
Nursery

## Key information about this half term

This half term, we will be learning lots about the world around us and how things change. We will start with the story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and observe the life cycle of a caterpillar with the arrival of some tiny eggs in class that will eventually grow into butterflies! We will also touch on healthy eating and how important it is to look after our bodies. This will lead us on to learning about how our food is grown and we will learn how to plant seeds and care for growing plants. We will also read the traditional story of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and continue to develop the children's story telling skills and vocabulary.

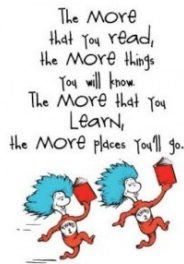
### Literacy

**Writing:** The children have been practicing writing their names and we will continue with this as a focus. The children will also be encouraged to use some of their print and letter knowledge when writing a list for example e.g. 's' for strawberry.

**Phonics:** The children will be continuing their phonics lessons, listening out for rhyming words and initial sounds. From this term, they will be introduced to two letter sounds a week, starting with s, a, t, p, i, n.

### Enjoying and Sharing Books

Your child will continue to be given a library book to take home and share with their family. Story time is one of the most important parts of our day at Nursery. The more books that our children can share and enjoy, the better their listening skills, vocabulary, understanding and imagination is from a young age.



### Communication and Language

The children have been working hard to improve their ability to speak in sentences. We will continue to develop their vocabulary through real life experiences observing the world around them as well as through stories. The children will also practise answering questions, like 'Why do you think the caterpillar got so fat?'

### Physical Development

This term the children will participate in weekly P.E lessons. These will take place on **Wednesdays**. Please ensure that the children wear shoes that they can take off and put back on for Nursery on this day. Children are not allowed to wear any earrings or jewellery for P.E so please make sure you remove them. The children will work on developing their gross motor skills such as skipping and hopping and showing an awareness of space. They will also work on their ball skills and use small equipment such as bean bags.

### Maths

This half term we will continue to practise saying and using our numbers to solve problems. We will use the theme of change to explore size and length, as well as sequencing real life events. We will also use real objects to discuss and compare different shapes, weight and compacity.

### Expressive Art and Design

Now that the children have explored lots of different materials and methods of joining them, we will be encouraging them to develop their own ideas. We will continue to encourage them to engage in role play and use small world toys to build more complex stories.

### Understanding the World

This half term, the children will learn about how seeds grow and how creatures make many transitions in the process of becoming an adult. They will learn more about how to care for living things and the things plants and animals need to help them grow.

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

During this topic, the children will learn the importance of being careful with nature and we will learn how to care for living things. We will also try to follow the rules more independently and find compromises when needed when playing. The children will also learn about healthy choices in relation to food and drink.