



Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term our main topic is 'Creatures Great and Small'. Where possible, all of your child's learning will be linked to this subject. Below is a topic map outlining the areas of learning we intend to cover this term. A copy of this document can also be found on our website. **PE lessons** this year will take place on a **Wednesdays**. Homework will be set every Friday. Thank you.

Mr Longley - Class teacher

### MATHS

This term, the class will be learning a variety of mathematical skills and knowledge:

- Solving real world Mathematical problems
- Subitising.
- Comparing numbers/quantities: more than / fewer than, equal to.
- Counting with 1:1 correspondence.
- Understanding and using positional language.

### EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND DESIGN

This term the children will be exploring a range of creative skills during carpet sessions and choosing time. These include:

- Representing their own ideas, thoughts and feelings through music.
- Moving their body in rhythm to music.
- Taking part in and developing simple pretend play.
- Using an object to represent something else.

### COMPUTING

The children will be developing their phonics and maths skills using the 'Busy Things' App. This way they will be continuing to develop their computing skills whilst having fun and reinforcing learning in maths and literacy.

## Nursery Creatures Great and Small Spring 1



### Communication and Language

Communication and language will be incorporated in everything we do throughout the day. The children will learn to:

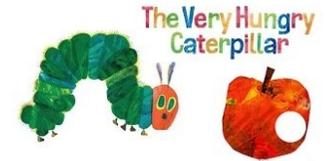
- Follow the rules with less support and know why they are important.
- Begin to talk about and express basic emotions: happy, sad, angry, worried, and scared.
- Play cooperatively with other children.
- Use a narrative in their play.
- Learn to manage their needs but ask for support when needed.



### WRITING AND READING

The children will be exploring the early stages of reading and writing this term. They will:

- Sequence events
- Write a shopping list
- Use story language
- Draw and write about their favourite part of the book.
- Partake in book talk
- Write a speech bubble



Books include: 'The Hungry Caterpillar', 'What the Ladybird Heard' and 'Harry and his Bucket of Dinosaurs'.

### UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

The children will be covering a range of topics to help their understanding of the world around them. Some of these topics include:

- Identifying similarities and differences between families.
- Exploring natural materials with different properties: Wet / dry sand, paint, play dough, leaves, conkers, shells, rocks.
- Identifying similarities and differences between communities.
- Looking at and discussing pictures, stories, and artefact from the past.

### SPORTS AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

This term's focus is on dance. They will be learning to move their body in rhythm to music. The children will also be working to improve their fitness and their fine motor skills to help to improve the strength in their hands to help with writing and drawing with more control.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



In RE the children will be focusing on 'Getting to Know Jesus'. The children will learn about Jesus and the love he has for them. They will be encouraged to think about ways in which they can show their love for Jesus, by for example, helping and showing love towards others. We will read stories from the Bible about the miracles performed and how he helped the sick.