

Newsletter 22/04/24

Welcome back.

We hope you all had a lovely break. Eid Mubarak to our families who celebrated Eid and Happy Easter to our families who celebrated Easter. The children were so excited to talk about their holiday news.

Welcome to our new starters. Our children have been so helpful settling all our new children into the setting.

Learning this week:

This week we start our 'Growth and Change' theme. Children will be planting sunflowers and observing how they grow and change. We will also be looking at animals and people and how they are as babies, and how they grow.



Talk to your child about:

- What where you like as a baby?
- How are you different now?

Core Story:

This week's core story is the traditional tale, '**Jack and the Beanstalk.**' Children will be joining in with repeated phrases, making predictions about the story and describing characters.

Our Dragonfly children will be reading '**Brown Bear, Brown Bear,**' by Eric Carle. They will be answering 'what' questions and learning about colours.

You can watch a member of our staff reading the story on our website.

Wonderful Word of the Week: 'growing'

Each week, we introduce our children to a 'wonderful word of the week.'

This week the word is 'Spring.'



Talk to your child about:

- What grows?
- How has it changed?
- How is it the same?

Makaton Sign of the Week: 'happy'

Each week, we learn to sign a new word.

You can watch Mrs. Taylor sign it on our website (Learning Zone) so you can practice it with your child at home.

Poetry Basket: 'From Spawn to Frog'

Every half term we learn 2 -3 short poems. This week the children will be reciting the poem, 'From Spawn to Frog'.

Talking Tub

This week's talking tub and non-fiction books are about **'Spring'**



Talk to your child about:

- What is in the talking tub?
- What grows in Spring?
- What changes in Spring?

Focus Song

Each week we learn a new song. This week the song is **'Spring is Here.'** You can sing along with child at home by watching it on :

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DobrRgD5aOU>

Our progression focus is: - technical vocabulary.

PSED

In PSED groups this half term, our theme is **'Being Healthy.'** We will be learning about different ways to keep healthy. We will also be learning about sun safety.

Woodlands

Each week our 3-4-year-olds go to the Woodland area.

Our woodland sessions are:

Ladybirds - Wednesday

Bumblebees - Thursday

Caterpillars - Friday

We provide warm jackets, waterproof legwear, and wellies for each child, but please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather and have a hat and gloves in the cold weather and a sun hat in warm weather.

This week in Woodlands, we will be reading the story 'Bug Hotel' and we will be making our own bug hotel.

Masterclass

Each half term, our school leaver children participate in a Masterclass. This term's Masterclass is Gardening Classes. The children will be working in our allotment, planting flowers, fruit and vegetables and looking after them. They will observe how they grow.

Enchantment

As lots of our children love cars, we have garages and cars out in provision. Children have been making their own cars in the construction area and using their imagination to make up journeys to go on. We have also been looking how we can make a car out of junk modelling.

Attendance

The winners of our attendance this week is:

Afternoon Ladybird - 98%

WELL DONE!

They will receive a certificate and look after our McMillan Monkey this week.

Afternoon Ladybirds -98%

Morning Dragonflies 96%

Morning Bumblebees 95%

Afternoon Dragonflies - 93%

Afternoon Caterpillars 93%

Afternoon Bumblebees - 89%

Morning Caterpillars - 89%

Morning Ladybirds - 80%

Please let the office know if you can not attend Nursery.

Home learning

Skill of the Half Term - Pour a drink into a cup and drink it.

Every half-term we focus on a new self-help skill. Please practice it with your child at home. At the end of each half term, we give your child a certificate so you can see how well they have done with this skill.

The skill this half term is to be able to be able to drink from a cup without spilling. We would like our school leavers to also be able to pour their own drink into a cup.

Information about this skill has been sent home. If you would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Homework Project

This term's project is 'The Great Outdoors,' What learning could you do outdoors? Play 'I spy'? Pebble Art? Build A den? Make and fly a kite? Hunt for minibeasts? Be a cloud detective?

Please share your learning by putting photographs or videos onto tapestry or bring your work into nursey or just tell us about it. Projects to be completed by Friday 24th May. Further details will be sent home this week. We look forward to seeing your Outdoor projects.

Wellcomm

In Wellcomm Groups this week (Communication and Language) we will be learning what we smell with and what we see with. We will also be looking at the concept 'first' and 'last.' You could practise with your child at home.

Library

Each week the children take a library book home which you can read with them at home. Please make sure you return your library book each week.

Monday - Bumblebees

Wednesday - Ladybirds and Dragonfly

Thursday - Caterpillar

Snack Skill

In social snack time this week, our older children will be practicing how to 'pour'. This week we will be practising how to pour water from a jug into a cup. We will then be drinking it from the cup without spilling. You could practise this skill with your child at home.

Save the Date:

We have a parent information session for our new starter parents on Tuesday May 14th. Details will be sent to our new parents.

Community information

If you need help with your admission to Primary School, the Children Family Wellbeing service are running the following session at The Zone:

School Admissions Drop-In
(incl help with appeals, transport & free school meals)

9:30am - 1:00pm

2:00 - 4:00pm

If you would like any further information on this, please ask at the office.

Primary School Places

If your child is going to school in September 2025, if you haven't already done so, please can you let a member of staff know which Primary School they will be attending.

Thank you for your continued support.

Ms Cathy Stokes, Headteacher



