

# Nursery – Summer 1 2026

Literacy		Communication and Language		Maths			
<p>This half term we are going to read 'The Enormous Turnip', 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'.</p> <p>We will have lots of opportunities to mark make and draw. Children will be encouraged to add more detail to their pictures and to talk about these. Adults will model writing shopping lists and labelling pictures so children can have a go at imitating this.</p> <p>During our phonics lessons, we will do syllable clapping, blending, rhyming and alliteration games.</p>		<p>This half term, we will be listening to stories and joining in with these, so we are able to answer questions about them and retell them.</p> <p>We will be learning to understand a range of questions (including 'why' and 'how' questions) and answer these using longer sentences. In addition to this, we will develop our conversation skills with adults and our peers.</p> <p>We will learn new vocabulary linked to our focus stories and the activities we take part in.</p> <p>We will continue to take part in activities that help the development of speech sounds e.g. syllable clapping.</p>		<p>This half term we will be learning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- about capacity, size, length and weight</li> <li>- to recognise small quantities without counting (playing games with dots on a dice help with this)</li> <li>- to recognise some numerals (1,2,3,4,5)</li> <li>- to understand that after counting a group of objects the final number we say tells us how many we have e.g. 1,2,3, I have 3 toys</li> <li>- to look at repeating patterns and spot mistakes in these</li> <li>- to explore and solve maths problems using numbers up to 5</li> </ul>			
Personal, Social and Emotional Development		Understanding the World		Expressive Arts and Design		Physical Development	
<p>We will continue to talk about our feelings and learn how to manage different emotions. We will focus on playing in groups and we will discuss how to solve conflicts while playing.</p>		<p>Our topic is Nature and Growing. This half term we will learn about plants and watch caterpillars turn into butterflies. We will go on minibeast hunts and learn about farm animals.</p>		<p>We will be making, painting and creating lots of different art linked to plants and animals.</p> <p>We will also sing Nursery rhymes, play instruments and listen to different types of music.</p> <p>We will make up our own stories using small world people and animals.</p>		<p>We will continue to practise cutting. We will take part in fine and gross motor activities. This includes games to improve our throwing, catching and kicking skills. We will also make obstacle courses and ride bikes.</p>	
<p><b><u>Important things to consider</u></b></p> <p>Morning Nursery starts at 8.30am and afternoon Nursery starts at 12.15pm. Please make sure your child is on time so they don't miss important learning or disrupt the learning of other children when they arrive.</p> <p>All children need to wear school uniform – please put your child's name in this. Please send your child to Nursery each day with spare clothes.</p> <p>We go outside to play everyday – please make sure your child is suitably dressed for this e.g. coat, sun hat, suitable footwear</p> <p>As the weather gets warmer please put sun cream on your child before they come to Nursery.</p>						<p><b><u>Dates for your diary:</u></b></p> <p>Mon 4<sup>th</sup> May – School closed for Bank Holiday</p> <p>Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> May – Graves Park trip (more details to follow soon)</p> <p>Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> May – last day of term</p>	
<p><b><u>How you can support your child at home:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Encourage your child to draw pictures and talk about what they have drawn</li> <li>· Play board games with your child to help them recognise number patterns on dice</li> <li>· Borrow a Story Pack from school each week and do the activities with your child</li> <li>· Talk to your child about what they have been learning in Nursery (this newsletter lets you know)</li> </ul>				<p><b><u>Contacting your child's teacher</u></b></p> <p>You can speak to your child's class teacher at the start or end of the school day or by emailing the school office who will pass on your question so the teacher can contact you.</p>			