



Physical Development:

We will be supporting the children's early writing development by providing a wide range of fine motor activities to strengthen the muscles needed for writing. These will include activities such as playdough, using tweezers, peg boards and other hands-on tasks, alongside opportunities for large motor movements to build overall coordination and control.

In addition, the children will take part in a weekly PE session on Thursday afternoons to further develop their physical skills and confidence in movement.

Literacy Development:

We will continue to introduce our Read, Write, Inc. phonics programme through daily, structured sessions. The children will learn to recognise phoneme sounds and picture cues, and will begin to blend sounds together to read simple words using "Fred Talk."

For our younger children, these sessions will be carefully adapted, with a greater focus on songs, rhymes and stories to support their early language development in a fun and engaging way.

Expressive Arts & Design:

This half term, we will support the children's Expressive Arts and Design (EAD) development through creative activities linked to life cycles. The children will have opportunities to explore different materials and techniques as they represent the growth of plants, caterpillars and butterflies. They will take part in activities such as painting, collage and model-making, encouraging them to express their ideas and observations creatively. Through these experiences, children will develop their imagination, experiment with different media and deepen their understanding of the natural world.

Key Texts:

The Very Hungry Caterpillar
Jasper's Beanstalk
The Ugly Duckling
Is It a Seed?
The Teeny Weeny Tadpole

Poetry Basket:

Bugs, Caterpillar & A Little Seed

See How They Grow



Personal, Social & Emotional Development:

The children will be encouraged to build friendships, work through simple friendship challenges and help others feel welcome as they settle into Nursery. We will also support them in developing respect and understanding for others' feelings.

Alongside this, we will continue to promote independence by encouraging the children to manage tasks such as dressing, toileting and using cutlery during mealtimes.

Mathematics:

Nursery children will be learning to identify and name 2D and 3D shapes through a range of hands-on activities. They will also explore simple routes and positional language, using prepositions to describe where things are and how to find places, supported by a variety of engaging games.

In addition, the children will begin to make comparisons between objects, exploring differences in size, length, weight and capacity.

Understanding the World:

This half term, we are exploring growth and change over time, with a focus on the natural world. The children will be learning about planting, life cycles and how to care for our environment. They will have the opportunity to plant their own seeds and watch them grow, helping them understand how living things develop. We will also explore life cycles by observing caterpillars as they grow and transform into butterflies, bringing these concepts to life in a meaningful and engaging way.

Communication & Language:

Nursery children take part in daily story sessions to support their listening and attention skills, while enjoying a variety of books linked to our topic. They will also explore songs, rhymes, and poems, giving them opportunities to join in with repeated refrains and familiar phrases.

