



Cheddar Grove Nursery Newsletter Term 6



Hello and welcome to Term 6

I hope you all had a lovely mid-term break. Welcome to our final term in Nursery. We have so much to celebrate! We have begun the term by welcoming some duck eggs and ducklings into the Nursery. We will keep you posted via the ILD.

Alongside the children's individual learning journeys, we will be learning all about animals this term. We have begun the term by reading some stories and information books all about ducks and eggs.

Please remember to stay in touch using the ILD.

<https://www.interactivelearningdiary.co.uk/>

We are hoping that the wonderful sunshine continues this term. In Nursery, we spend a lot of time exploring and playing outside. On hot, sunny days, please make sure your child comes to school wearing sun screen and a sun hat. Don't forget to add your child's name to the hat. Unfortunately we cannot apply sun screen to your child due to covid-19 restrictions.



Transition into Reception

We will begin our transition process this term. Every Monday and Thursday we will visit the Reception place spaces and explore the classrooms. We will meet our new teachers and enjoy story times and games with them.

In Nursery, we follow the children's lead and encourage learning through play. We encourage development in the following areas:

Personal, social and emotional development - We will continue to encourage independence and confidence through special helper responsibilities, free-flow play opportunities and small group circle times. This term we will begin to think about the children's transition into Reception. We know this is an exciting and anxious time for the children so we will spend lots of time getting to know the new environment and adults that work in Reception.

Physical development - During free-flow play, the children will continue to develop gross motor skills by climbing, cycling, scooting and balancing. The children will be encouraged to develop their fine motor skills each week through a range of activities such as threading, small lego construction, using tweezers and completing jigsaws. We will be encouraging mark making with many different materials within the inside and outside environments. We will enjoy 'Wriggle and squiggle' sessions to improve our mark making skills and will continue to learn to write our names.

Communication and Language Development - We will support the development of listening and attention skills with our weekly bucket time sessions, 'Chatter box' circle times and other fun activities. We will continue with 'ME bag' time each week where the children will all have a turn to share some favourite toys, photographs or other items from home. We will enjoy some 'Word aware' sessions where the children learn new vocabulary in a fun and interactive way. Some children will take part in 'Talk boost' sessions aimed to develop language skills.

Literacy - Texts for this term will include 'Farmer Duck' by Martin Waddell, 'The ugly duckling', '10 rubber ducks' by Eric Carle, 'Duck in the truck' by Jez Alborough and 'Quacking time' by Martin Waddell. We will read a variety of information books about animals, encouraging the children to recall parts of the text and to talk about their favourite parts of the book. We have begun to teach the Nursery children phonics. We use 'read, Write Inc' at Cheddar Grove. We will aim to familiarise the Nursery children with the pictures that match the single letter sounds in preparation for Reception. Find out more about this scheme here:

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/reading-schemes-oxford-levels/read-write-inc-phonics-guide/>

Maths - We will continue to represent numbers using our fingers, making marks on paper or by using pictures or objects. We will sing lots of number songs and spot shapes in the environment. We will compare different amounts and find out the total of two groups.

Understanding the world - We will enjoy many more 'Wild walks' during the Summer term. We will search for signs of Summer and notice how the weather is changing. We now have froglets in the Nursery and our caterpillars transformed into butterflies so we have set them free! We will observe the ducklings as they hatch and grow.

Expressive Art and Design - We will encourage the use of collage and mixed media to create different textures, enjoy music and movement sessions and we will provide plenty of opportunities for imaginary play.

Key worker groups

The children will remain in the same coloured groups. The key workers will be as follows:

- **Red group** - Miss Morgan
- **Blue group** - Mrs Stepaniuk
- **Yellow group** - Mrs Clark

Dates for your diary:

- Friday 18th June - INSET (school closed)
- Wednesday 21st July - End of Term 6

Ducks

If you would like to look after our ducks and give them a lovely home, please see one of the Nursery staff.