



Hello and welcome to Term 5.

I hope you all had a lovely Easter break. The children were all excited to return and have made a confident start to term 5.

Alongside the children's individual learning journeys, we will be learning all about minibeasts this term. We have begun the term by reading 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle.

Thank you for your sunflower pictures. Please remember to stay in touch using the ILD.

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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.



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:

- Monday 3rd May - Bank Holiday (school closed)
- Parent meetings - Details to follow
- Friday 28th May - End of Term 5

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 learn to share, take turns and play in small groups. We will continue to encourage independence and confidence through special helper responsibilities, free-flow play opportunities and small group circle times.

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. As always, your input is invaluable and the children are delighted to see photos and talk about what they do at home. Please continue to share your home adventures with us as it is an invaluable opportunity to practise communication skills. We will begin 'ME box' time each week where the children will all have a turn to share some favourite toys, photographs or other items from home. We will be enjoying some 'Word aware' sessions where the children learn new vocabulary in a fun and interactive way.

Literacy - Texts for this term will include 'The very Hungry caterpillar', 'Sam's sandwich' by David Pelham, 'Snail trail' by Ruth Brown, 'Argh spider' by Lydia Monks, 'The very quiet cricket' by Eric Carle and '10 things we can do to care about our world'. These stories all have a repeating pattern and a strong sense of rhythm allow children to key into and develop language. We will encourage the children to recall parts of the stories and to predict what might happen at the end. We will also explore some non-fiction texts to learn about minibeasts. The children will also be encouraged to read print and signs in the environment. We will begin our book lending library each Wednesday where the children to get a chance to take a Nursery book home to share with their family. More details to follow.

Maths - We will begin 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. We will be making long caterpillars and will learn how to measure them.

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 will have our very own caterpillars to observe and look after and we will continue to observe our class tadpoles. The children will be sowing some fruit and vegetable seeds.

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.