

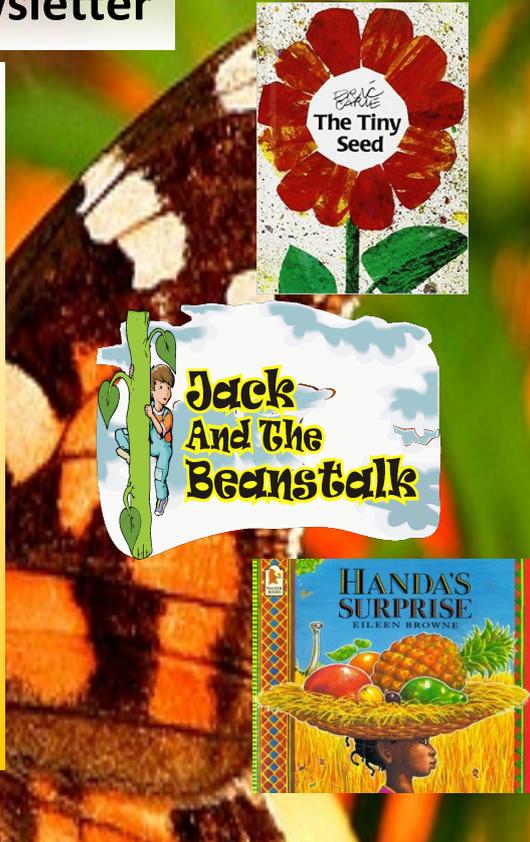
Nursery Summer Term Newsletter

Our Learning

It is important that your child is happy in our setting, that they are able to express their needs and establish positive relationships with adults and peers so their **Personal, Social and Emotional Development** is always a focus.

Our theme this term is **Growth**.

The children will be learning about planting, growing and caring for the environment. As gardeners we will be planting our own flowers and edibles in our class gardens ranging from sunflowers to potatoes and even some magic beans! We will learn about the different parts of a plant and what they need to grow and how our food comes from farm to fork. We will also explore a range of mini-beasts found in our school outdoor area. As investigators we will be finding out about the life cycles of different creatures and how we all grow. We will be able to watch the lifecycle of a butterfly in our class! It is through this topic we will incorporate and develop the children's **Expressive Arts and Understanding of the World**.



Language and Communication is part of all our experiences. In **Literacy** we will be sharing a number of books like: The hungry caterpillar, Jack and the beanstalk and Handa's surprise. We will also be using our own storytelling knowledge to make up our own stories based on the key aspects of: Character, Setting, Problem and Solution. We will continue to learn the letter phonic sounds.

Mathematical development and problem solving is through both structured and play activities. The children are encouraged to recognise that maths is all around us. They will be securing their numbers to 10 and more by learning the number names in order, counting objects carefully and recognising the numbers they see.

In **RE** we will be learning about why some stories are special and places that are special.

How you can support your child:

This term the children will be given a home learning bag for them to complete at home. Each week it will include a range of activities to complete. This will be given out on Fridays and must be returned by Wednesday the following week.

- Encourage your child to talk about their experiences in the nursery
- Please try to be on time for school and help your child to find their name at the beginning of the session
- Encourage your child to be as independent as possible and hang up their own coat and belongings
- Please make sure all items of your child's clothing are named and bring a bag with a full set of spare clothes so your child can change if necessary
- Read any notices we send home
- When we send books home with the children, please read the book to your child and encourage them to turn the pages carefully and to look at the pictures (books should be returned to school each Friday)

We look forward to working alongside you as your child continues on their journey to becoming an independent learner. Please do not hesitate to approach any member of the team with questions or information you may wish