

Foundation Stage Curriculum Newsletter

Summer 1 – 2017 - Growing bigger and bigger



These are some of the areas we will be exploring this half term. Please take any opportunity to talk with your child, share books and play games along these themes.

Understanding the World around us

Now that Spring is here, we will be busy sowing bean and cress seeds, watching for signs of growth and learning how to look after them and will be reading the story of Jack and the Beanstalk, to get us in the growing spirit. We will also be looking after our bags of potatoes and there will be fierce competition between Bumblebees and Ladybirds to see which class grows the most! The children will be encouraged to think about how they themselves are growing and changing. We hope you will be able to send in a baby and toddler photograph, to help your child to describe how they have changed since they were a baby. With the arrival of Spring we hope to be outside more, looking for signs of growth and change around us.



Heavy, heavier, heaviest.



The children will be continuing to find out about weight by comparing objects and using the balancing scales. Any opportunities for you to encourage your child to use the language of weight would be very useful (heavy, light, heavier, lighter, heaviest, lightest, the same weight, balance).

We will also be continuing our work on measure and will be encouraging the children to compare and measure the caterpillars they make at home.

The children are increasingly confident working out simple addition and subtraction problems and are working hard to record their answers in simple addition and subtraction sentences, e.g. $6 + 2 = 8$ $9 - 2 = 7$. This half term we will be using number lines to help with the process of counting on and counting back. At home, you can use a ruler just as well. You can help your child by encouraging them to make up their own addition and subtraction stories and then draw pictures or write number sentences about them, e.g. Mummy bought 9 apples and daddy bought 3 more apples. How many apples are there altogether now? There were 12 flowers growing in the garden. The dog jumped on 2 of them. How many flowers are there left? We would love to see any of these number stories your child makes at home.

We would still love to hear about any special family events or celebrations. If your child would like to bring in photographs of a special time your family have, they will be able to show the photos and tell us all about it.

Have fun
The Foundation Team