



## Summer 2 Half Term Information for Parents Nursery

Happy children aiming high.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the last half term of the year! This information sheet tells you about the theme being followed for this half term and which subjects are being linked to it and those which will be taught separately. We hope that you find it useful.

**Themes:** Summer 2-Watch this Grow

### **Cross curricular links:**

**Literacy:** This half term we will be looking at books linked with Growing-Jack and the Bean stalk, Jaspers Beanstalk, The Enormous Turnip, Oliver's Vegetables, Titch and The Tiny Seed. We will draw and write diaries about growing cress and instructions about how to plant and look after seeds. We will talk and write about the stories we have read-for example, the characters and events, imagine what we would like to find at the top of a giant beanstalk, our favourite vegetables.

As part of our Read Write Inc activities we will continue to look at letter sounds and the corresponding hand writing rhymes.

**Communication and Language:** We will provide opportunities for children to discuss the books we read, predict what will happen next and make stick puppets to retell stories. Nursery will be following instructions to plant and look after seeds and plants in the Early Years Garden. Regular circle times will be held to help children feel confident to talk in front of a group and listen to their peers. We will play listening and attention games about a range of topics such as-talk about where vegetables come from, play I went to the shop and brought...missing objects games. We will continue to provide children with opportunities to share news, children are welcome to bring in objects they would like to talk about with the class.

### **Understanding the World:**

As the weather warms up we will talk about summer, things we like to do outside and the importance of sun safety. We will talk about children's experiences of growing plants and children will have the opportunity to plant seeds, look after them and observe changes that occur as they grow. We will begin to talk about the different parts of a plant and flower. After reading Oliver's Vegetables we will try different vegetables and use the internet to find out about vegetables grown around the world. Children will continue to have access to our Interactive White Board to engage in activities and build up independence when using technology.

**Expressive Art and Design:** This half term we have a session with Tiddly Winks which gives children a chance to retell a story and move to music. We will explore colour and colour mixing to paint bean stalks and flowers. Collage activities with different seeds and beans, pot pourri will give children the chance to explore different textures. We will look at Van Gogh's Sunflowers and Monet's paintings of gardens to inspire our work. We will use our time in the hall to follow different music programmes and move in response to music.

**Physical Development:** A variety of funky fingers activities will help children build strength in their fingers and hands for writing, for example, peg activities, threading games, jigsaws, and pippete jobs. Children will continue to take part in weekly Motor skills activities that are helping them to develop gross and fine motor skills. We will give children opportunities to develop their throwing and catching skills. Playdough and scissor skills activities will often have a growing theme to help children develop control when using tools.

**Mathematics:** This half term children will continue to develop their understanding of number and number recognition. After reading Jack and the beanstalk there will be opportunities to build beanstalks and castles in the construction area and make castles using different 2d shapes. We will measure how tall we are and talk about taller and shorter. We will draw giant's footsteps and measure them. Number songs will help us understand practical calculations and begin to record these.

**Personal Social and Emotional Development:** We support children in engaging in activities and sharing resources with others as well as helping them to keep play going by listening to the ideas of others. We will help children gain independence by giving them small jobs to do.

#### **How can you help?**

- Ensure your child is in school on time and ready to learn-8:45 for Nursery.
- We always enjoy hearing about your child's achievements, big and small! Trying a new food, climbing to the top of the slide in the park, sleeping all night in their own bed...Wow stars are displayed at the entrance to Nursery, please fill these in and they will be stuck into your child's Nursery Book. This will help build a record of their achievements in Nursery.
- Activities to try at home-planting seeds or try growing your own bean stalks!
- We are developing our non-fiction reading resources. If you have any magazines you would be happy to donate, such as travel brochures, car magazines we would be very grateful.

#### **Class Reminders**

Nursery parents invited to a song session-June 29<sup>th</sup> 9-10 am

Nursery picnic and activities -July 4<sup>th</sup> 11:45-12:45pm