

Curriculum Newsletter

Nursery

Welcome back to everybody. I hope you all had a relaxing Easter break. This half term our theme is Spring, growing and exploring how we can have a healthy lifestyle.



Communication

Here are all the ways that you can stay in touch:

- A Nursery Curriculum Newsletter every half term
- Head Teacher's newsletter
- Observations via Tapestry
- Regular memos and learning challenges shared on Tapestry
- MCAS app

Important dates: Please check the **school website's Event Calendar** for this term's events.

Week 1 The Very Hungry Caterpillar/ In our Garden

We will be...

- Reading The Crunching Munching Caterpillar
- Reading The Very Hungry Caterpillar
- Learning about the life cycle of caterpillars
- Sequencing the story through pictures
- Learning the song, There's a tiny caterpillar on a leaf
- Playing counting games and matching amounts to numerals
- Exploring symmetry in nature, looking at the patterns on the wings of butterflies
- In phonological awareness activities, we will be playing games that help us to hear when words start with the same sound

Week 2 Growing / Jasper's Beanstalk

We will be...

- Reading the stories Jasper's Beanstalk and Jack and The Beanstalk
- Looking at and comparing different seeds.
- Planting different seeds and observing how they grow and change.
- Cutting up different fruits for snack and comparing how the seeds are different or the same.

- Investigating what plants need to grow
- Using dance to represent the growing process – curl up like a seed...uncurl slowly, stretching up...
- Using the language of measure to compare the heights
- Exploring how numbers can be composed in different ways

Week 3 Life cycle of a frog/ On the Farm

We will be...

- Visiting the pond in our Wildlife Area to look for and observe frog spawn, tadpoles and frogs
- Reading lots of information books about insects
- Going on a bug hunt!
- Creating bug habitats outdoors
- Finding out how to care for and respect insects and wildlife
- Drawing mini beasts
- Categorising different insects
- Finding out why bees are so important for our environment
- Grow our very own bee and butterfly wildflower garden
- Find out about the lifecycle and life of a bee
- Tasting honey

Week 4 Ducklings

We will be...

- Welcoming our duckling eggs and watching them hatch and grow
- Exploring the life cycle of ducks
- Exploring how to programme our Bee Bots
- Creating and extending repeat patterns
- Visiting Smithills Farm (Thursday 14th May)
- Finding out about baby animals

Week 5 Incredible me!

We will be...

- Sharing circle times to talk about how we look, our culture and the special people in our lives.
- Exploring different cultures through dressing up, food tasting and listening to music
- Exploring the different cultures of our children, celebrating and learning about how we are all different and unique.
- Exploring our local community and talking about our favourite places to visit.
- Cooking and baking some of our favourite foods.
- Introducing dolls and further baby related equipment into the home corner
- Looking at photos of the children as a baby, and talk about the changes that have happened

Here are some ways that you can continue to support your child's learning:

- Encourage your child to copy and write their name (when ready) / draw pictures/ copy and extend handwriting patterns
- Learning the sound their name begins with and then the other letters in their name
- Encouraging your child to put their coat and shoes on independently, including fastening their zip
- Encouraging your child to draw simple representations of objects
- Play rhyming and alliteration games
- Sharing and talking about stories everyday
- Playing dice games
- Encouraging your child to count groups of objects
- Spotting numbers to 5 (then 10) in the environment

Key Information

Snack

A reminder that snack money is £2.50 per week and is now paid via MCAS. Please ensure you have paid before Monday 27th April at 9.00am. Thank you for your support with this! For the families that have just joined Eatock, you will receive an online access letter once your child has been admitted to school. This will provide you with details of how to register for online payments.

Reading Books

We have a wide selection of story books for you and your child to share at home. Staff will support your child in choosing a book for sharing. Share stories more than once, encouraging your child to join in by talking about the pictures and the events. Books can be kept for as little or as long as you like, but we recommend changing it at least weekly. Books should be returned in your child's book bag. All children have been given a reading list of core texts that they should re-read and share frequently. When your child takes one of these core books home, staff will tick off when they have shared this book. This will help us in ensuring that all children are reading the core texts. Please speak to a member of staff if you have misplaced your list and require another.

Sharing story books together daily is key to ensuring good development of your child's communication and language skills. Please make time to share a book before or at bedtime to support your child in their learning journey and love of books.

Events Coming Up

Events Calendar- Eatock Primary School

We have some exciting events coming up in school this term. Please check our **School Website regularly** to ensure you are aware of the events coming up. You can do this by visiting the Events Calendar: www.eatock.bolton.sch.uk/statutory/events-calendar

**Thank you for your continued support
Miss Ormesher and Miss Hay.**