

What We are Learning This Half Term – Summer 1

Our topic is...

Growth and Change!



Topic Learning

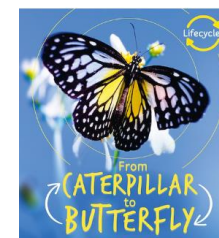
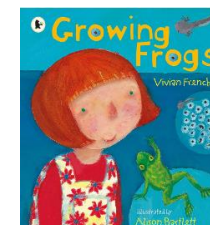
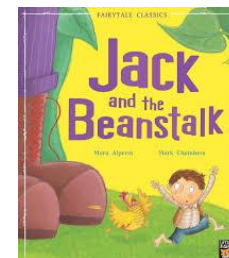
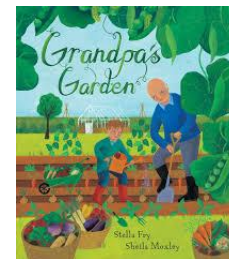
This half term we will be learning about growth and changes within our environment. We will be making observations of the changes that happen during spring and summer, as well as learning about the different ways that we can care for our environment, such as recycling and ensuring that we dispose of rubbish correctly. As part of this topic, we will be participating in a litter pick in our local park in a bid to clean up our local facilities, making it a safer and cleaner environment. Following on from this, we will be learning about different lifecycles. We will be learning about human lifecycles and different minibeast lifecycles including the that of a caterpillar. To conclude the half term, we will be inviting our elderly family members to participate in a family tree day to expand and build on our knowledge of human lifecycles.

Prime Areas

We are continuing to develop the language we use within our conversations and play, widening our vocabulary through carpet sessions and modelled play within our indoor and outdoor provision. We want to be able to speak confidently about our likes and dislikes, our interests and opinions and to confidently initiate conversations with others.

We are continuing to build and improve our fine motor skills by doing daily handwriting practice to prepare us for writing in Year 1. This will focus around correct formation using our RWI letter formation rhymes taught through phonics. We will also continue using dough disco to strengthen our fine motor muscles and practice writing some sounds in sand trays to aid correct formation. Later in the term most of us should be writing simple sentence with support and this will be a daily focus during handwriting sessions.

Some of Our Core Books



Literacy Learning

This half term in phonics we will be continuing on the RWI programme. We should now know all of the set 1 sounds and be able to orally blend words together. This term we will be learning to read CVC words and begin to read short sentences by blending the sounds back into words. We will continue hosting our family reading mornings on a Thursday where you can bring your child's book from home and ask a member of staff how to read it with your child at home.

We will continue to enjoy a range of stories with interesting language to build our vocabulary further. We will be encouraged to take this new language into our play and use it appropriately. We encourage this with vocabulary prompts within each provision area. This will then link to drawing and labelling pictures as part of our Drawing Club and Read, Write, Inc. story time sessions at the end of the day. We will also be developing our comprehension skills by answering questions about stories we have read and should begin to demonstrate emotional engagement with the characters in the story.

Maths Learning

We are beginning our learning this half term by learning about numbers up to 20 and beyond. We will be building numbers beyond 10, continuing to build patterns beyond ten and verbal counting beyond 20. As part of this maths unit we will learn to recognise verbal counting patterns including identifying odd and even numbers, as well as one more and one less than a given number. Here are some useful links you can use to help us with maths learning this half term.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= MVzXKfr6e8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MVzXKfr6e8)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2CX-jFsVtR4>

Cultural Links and Events

At the start of the half term, we will be carrying out a litter pick in our local park and discussing the different ways that we can improve our local environment. Towards the end of the half term, we will be learning about the human lifecycle and discussing the different stages of human development. Our family members will be invited to participate in a family tree day.