

Welcome *Nursery* Parent and Carers

Term 5 Weeks 3&4

Topic: Fruit and vegetables, Life cycles

This last fortnight, the children have enjoyed learning about the food we eat and where it comes from. They learnt that fruit and vegetables start as seeds. Once they are planted, they must have sunlight, water and enough space to grow in order to grow into a healthy plant. Some fruit and vegetables grow in the ground, on a bush and some grow on trees! The children have found it very exciting watching our cress plants grow and some of them even ate the cress in a delicious cress sandwich! The children have learnt that we can eat all kinds of foods to help us grow strong and healthy.

Our caterpillars have finally formed their cocoons! We are very excited to see them develop into beautiful butterflies in the coming weeks. As well as the butterfly life cycle, we have also been learning about the frog life cycle. The children enjoyed completing creative activities linked to our topics.



In Maths....

We have been using positional language to describe where different objects are. The children enjoyed drawing minibeasts in a range of places – above the log, next to the log, under the log! The adults were really impressed when they showed a good understanding of this language and some were able to use this confidently! We have also continued to practise counting, completing repeating patterns, 2D shapes and representing numbers in different ways.



In our Literacy & mark-making...

Our new story is 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. The children have enjoyed completing caterpillar and butterfly themed activities. They drew circles to make their own hungry caterpillars and practised counting syllables in different items of food from the story. The children have been practising their letter formation by tracing and copy writing letters, words and each other's names. They particularly enjoyed writing letters to different adults in the school. It's been lovely to see the children challenging themselves and showing pride in the work they have achieved!



Our children have continued to enjoy our topic of 'Growing' this term! Each day, the children have loved exploring our outdoor area looking for minibeasts. They have been observing the minibeasts and practising handling them carefully. The children have also found it really interesting learning about the stages of life butterflies and frogs go through and comparing these to our life cycle. They loved getting messy and exploring a frog-themed sensory tray.



Home challenge of the week:

Can you make a tasty sandwich using the cress that we grew in nursery? Can you remember what you need to make a sandwich? Make sure you ask an adult to help you! We would love to see pictures of your sandwiches!

We are thinking about how we can be school ready and get ready for being fantastic writers – encourage your child to draw and write whenever they can – this could be a shopping list? A letter to a grandparent? A picture of what they can see in the garden? Etc.

