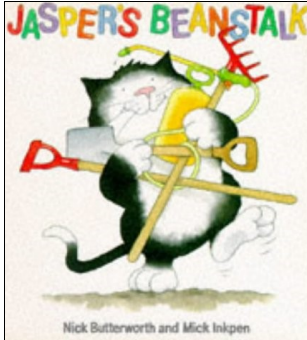


Nursery Curriculum News

February 2017

Core Books

This half term we will be reading **Jasper's Beanstalk**, **Titch** and **Tidy up, Titch** and will be doing lots of fun activities around them.



Nursery Next Year

A letter has recently been sent home with the children about the changes that will be happening next year. From September the Nursery has full time spaces available. If your child will still be Nursery age next year and you are interested then speak to one of the Nursery staff or a member of staff on Reception.

Personal, Social and Emotional

Children will continue to develop skills cooperating with their peers. They will be supported to keep play going by responding to what others are saying and doing. The children will be helped to share with their friends and take turns in circle games.

Communication and Language

We will be continuing to encourage lots of talk in Nursery and once again would love your support with this. It is really important that the children get plenty of opportunities to talk and experiment with sounds and their voice. Reading stories to them, looking at the pictures and discussing what is happening is a really good way of supporting their development.

The children will be encouraged to begin asking and answering how and why questions.

Mathematical development

In Number, we will continue developing children's skills in recognising numerals 1 to 5, and for some children numbers up to 10.

Children will begin to realise that not only objects can be counted. We will outdoors to count jumps, skips, claps and throws. Some children will also begin to write and order numbers.

Physical Development

Children will continue to develop their independence in dressing themselves. Please encourage this at home as well.

We will be continuing to go to the hall to play movement and music games.

Some of the children are starting to copy letters from their name which is very exciting! Before they are able to do this they need plenty of opportunities to develop their gross and fine motor skills. At home this could be in the form of play dough, threading, Lego etc.

Expressive Arts and Design

Children will continue to build a repertoire of songs that they enjoy and join in with.

They will also begin experimenting with different textures to use in collages.

Literacy

The children are continuing to take part in phonics activities

If you missed the Phonics Information session, please have a look at the powerpoint on the school website (in curriculum section) In particular, there are some suggestions to look at some very useful websites which have lots of fun games for your children to play to help them with phonics.

Some children have started to learn the set 1 sounds (beginning with m, a, s, d) and will be beginning to practice blending by reading simple cvc words. We will be sending home the sounds that we have learnt so it would be great if you could reinforce these at home. If you are unsure of how we teach the sound please come and talk to Hadley.

Other children will be playing phase 1 games to help develop their listening skills. Examples of these can be found on the powerpoint along with tips to help support them. If you have any questions please talk to one of the members of staff in Nursery. We will be happy to answer any questions.

Understanding the world

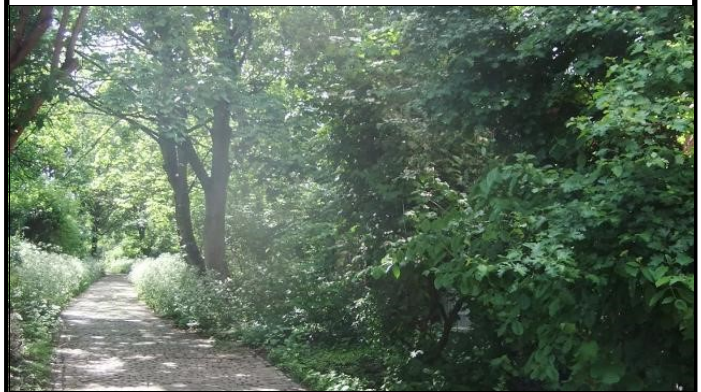
Children will be planting seeds in Nursery and watching how the plants grow and change. They will be encouraged to ask a lot of questions about aspects of their familiar world such as the natural world.

We will be using the Nursery garden to further explore growth and change. We have already been busy planting and are excited to see what is going to come up. There will be lots of fruit and vegetables to eat! If any parents would like to be involved in planting please get in touch!



Forest School

Hadley is currently training to be a Forest Leader NVQ level 3. This means that there will be lots of exciting activities for the children this year. The children will be making leaf crowns, using tools (including peelers, saws and palm drills), building fires to make hot chocolate, pond dipping and lots more! The children will be supervised at all times and all Health and Safety guidelines will be followed and risk assessments carried out. There will be a letter sent out soon giving information but if you have any questions or concerns please speak to Hadley.



Reading bags

Please remember that children need to have their book bags in school **on Tuesdays** so that we can change their books. If you have not yet brought a book bag they are still available from Reception.



Could you please ensure that children do not bring toys from home to school. Children become very upset if they are lost or damaged and they can also be a source of distraction.

Please remember to put a full set of clothes in your child's bag in case they have an accident or get wet/dirty. Thank you!