



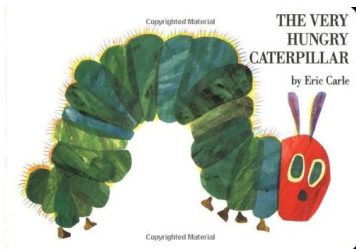
Reception Curriculum News

April 2017

Welcome back

We hope that all the children had an enjoyable holiday and that they are well rested for our busy half term.

Over the next few weeks we will be doing lots of work around the stories: **Jack and the Beanstalk**, **The Very Hungry Caterpillar** and **The Gruffalo**.



Personal, Social and Emotional

Children will continue to develop skills in cooperating with each other and working in a group.

We will be exploring different feelings in circle time activities and talking about ways in which we can help others if they are upset.

Mathematical development

In Number, we will continue developing children's skills in reading, writing and ordering numbers up to 100.

Children will continue to develop their skills in subtraction and addition with numbers to 20 and beyond. Children will be learning to count in 2s, 5s and 10s and to look for patterns in 100 squares.

Children will also be learning to solve problems including doubling, halving and sharing.

Children will explore the concept of symmetry and make symmetrical patterns.

In shapes, space and measures, children will continue to explore and use the language of capacity, weight and length and to make estimations.

Communication and Language

Children will listen to stories, anticipating key events and respond to what they hear with relevant comments, questions or actions.

Children will continue to develop their language to imagine and recreate roles and experiences in role play situations.

In group situations, we will continue to focus on developing the skill of children listening and responding to each others ideas. Children will develop skills in reading or talking to a larger group.

Expressive Arts and Design

Children will continue to develop their skills in drawing and creating pictures using paint and collage materials.

Children will work together to make collaborative collages based on The Very Hungry Caterpillar.

Children will be encouraged to make up their own stories and act them out. Our role play area will be based around the story of Jack and the Beanstalk.



Physical Development

Children will continue to learn to use equipment safely and with improved control, including pencils, scissors and knives for cutting. They will work on their own projects and collaborate with others on group projects.

Children will be given opportunities to express themselves through dance and movement and explore different ways of moving in response to music. Reception will also be having PE lessons delivered by the London Football Academy coaches this term.

We will be discussing the importance of exercise for keeping healthy and also talking about healthy food options.

Literacy

We will continue with our **Read Write Inc.** phonics sessions. Some children will begin learning the **set 3 sounds** (e.g. ea, oi, ur) and others will continue to develop segmenting and blending skills with **set 1 and 2 sounds** – look out for information in your child's reading bag so that you can support them by reinforcing sounds at home.

Children will learn to recognise, read and write everyday words. **Please continue to practise the 45 High Frequency words at home.** If you have lost a copy of the words, please ask a member of staff to give you another copy. It is really important that children practise a few words each week until they have learnt them—this will really improve the fluency of their reading. Some children are learning the 100 high frequency words.

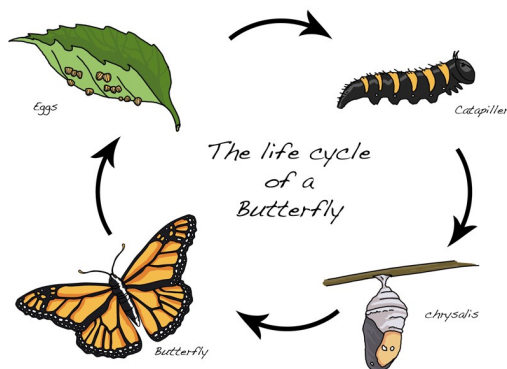
Children will write for a range of purposes and through role-play. They will be encouraged to write sentences independently and some children will be supported to develop their skills in writing short stories. Please support your child at home in forming their letters in the correct way. Please come and ask if you need any advice on how to help them with this.

Understanding the world

Children will be learning about the life cycle of a butterfly—look out for the arrival of caterpillars in the Reception Unit.

We will also be observing seasonal change as we venture into Summer. (with hopefully lots of sunshine!)

We will also be growing beans when we explore the story of Jack and the Beanstalk.



Junk box material

If you have any recyclable boxes etc., can you please send them into school as the children love making things with them! Thank you.



Old pots and pans

If you have any old pots and pans that you no longer use, we would love to have them! We are creating a mud kitchen next term and need some old pots and pans.



Reading bags

Please remember that children need to have their book bags in school **EVERY** day and the yellow comment book needs to stay in the bag with their reading book. Children read with different adults on different days of the week so books need to be in school every day. Thank you!



Library

Library days are on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please make sure library books are in your child's reading bag on these days so that they can swap their books. Thank you.