

Ready Steady Grow

This half term the children will be learning about growth and change. They will learn where our food comes from and what seeds and plants need to grow. As part of this the children will be planting their own seeds and beans. We will ask the children “What happens in Spring?” and encourage them to look out for signs of spring and share their ideas. They will begin to learn about what constitutes a healthy lifestyle, including eating fruit and vegetables, exercise and keeping clean. We will be learning about the features of different animals, prompting the children to think about which animals have live young and what hatches out of eggs. Our Core text is ‘What do you see when you Look at a tree?’ by Emma Carlisle. We will use this story to explore themes of kindness, personal growth and pausing to look closely at the beauty around us. We will also be encouraging the children to create artwork inspired by the illustrations.

Areas of Learning	Early Learning Goals
Communication and Language	Listening, attention and understanding; Speaking
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Building Relationships; Self-Regulation; Managing Self
Physical Development	Gross Motor Skills; Fine Motor Skills
Literacy	Comprehension; Word Reading; Writing
Mathematics	Numbers; Numerical Patterns
Understanding the World	Past and Present; People, Culture and Communities; The Natural World
Expressive arts and design	Creating with Materials; Being imaginative and Expressive

Ways you can help at home:

- Talk about the changes they can see in the environment.
- Ask questions about what they can see.
- Name animals they see including dogs, birds, ducks and rabbits.
- Talk about healthy foods
- Visit the library and find some books about the farm.

Things the children could do

- Feed the ducks with rice, grapes, corn, frozen peas and bird seed.
- Collect objects such as feathers, seeds and buds.
- Look for frogspawn and frogs along the edge of a pond.
- Make a shopping list together and go to the shops to buy the food.
- Grow some quick growing plants, such as cress.



Reminders

Please provide your child with only essential resources, for example: spare clothes and named lunch box. Please provide your child with a named, refillable water bottle that is taken home each day for washing.

The adults in Nursery are:

Mrs Smith (Nursery Manager)

Mrs Surman and Miss Smith (Teaching Assistants).

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Smith