

## PRIME AREAS:

**Communication & Language**  
**Personal, Social & Emotional Development**  
**Physical Development**

This half term we will continue to build our bank of nursery rhymes including some rhymes about animals and the outdoors.

Using different activities like threading, using tweezers to pick up pom-poms and popping bubble wrap will help strengthen our hands ready for drawing and writing. Outdoors we will move around the obstacle courses created for us by the Reception children.

Some of our children moving to Reception will draw self-portraits for their new teacher and practise joining in with school singing assembly. They will take part in different transition activities to prepare for the change.

## UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

An exciting delivery of caterpillars will help us to learn about the life-cycle of a butterfly. We will learn new words like 'chrysalis' and make observations about what we can see. As well as the caterpillars we have another exciting delivery planned too!

To help the Hatchlings, we will lend them our pet snail, Sunny, and talk to them about how to look after it carefully.

Please continue to share photos on Tapestry with what your children have been doing when they're not at school so that we can look at them with our friends!

## LITERACY

These are some of our texts that the children will explore this half term. We will use the stories to help us with our counting. We will make links with the texts by talking about our experiences with growing plants and trying different fruits and vegetables. The older Ducks will be practising name writing ready for their move to Reception in September.



In our phonics we will continue with listening to noises in the environment and making sounds with instruments. We will continue to introduce some letter sounds focussing on a different letter sound each week. The children will use Yakka Dee Sounds to help introduce these in a fun way!

## MATHS

The children will practise naming some different simple shapes and use 2D shapes to make patterns and pictures. They will continue to practise counting and start to recognise some numerals (the written number shape) through games and videos.

### How can you help?

- pointing out numbers in the environment (door numbers, numbers on the bins, numbers you spot on packets).
- count out simple things at home, e.g. How many socks are we putting on? Can you put 5 pieces of cucumber on your plate?
- watching Numberblocks and Colourblocks on BBC iPlayer together and talking about what's happening.

# The Great Outdoors!

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## EXPRESSIVE ARTS & DESIGN

To go alongside our stories this half term, there will be many ways for the children to retell them either using masks or small world characters.

We will have new nursery rhymes to sing – you can look at the BBC Teach website to find a range of songs to sing along to at home.

We will continue to develop independence in the creative area with children exploring paint, stampers, collage, clay and much more!

There will be lots of chances for dressing up and taking on different roles in imaginative role-play, particularly collaboratively in the home corner.