



Learning Preview Reception

Spring 2



Supporting Texts

- The Odd Egg
- The Very Hungry Caterpillar
- Jack and the Beanstalk
- The Ugly Duckling
- We're Going on an Egg Hunt
- Information books about Life Cycles and Spring.
- Poetry

How our learning will link to our children's lives, interests and experiences

This half term we will be focusing our learning on the natural world around us and observing how things grow and change. At the centre of our learning will be the book "The Growing Story" by Ruth Krauss and Helen Oxenbury. The children will be reflecting on previous seasons, as well as identifying signs of spring, to understand the effect of the changing seasons on the natural world around them. They will also be learning about how people and animals grow and change. They will be having a first-hand experience of watching how eggs hatch, and chicks grow and change in the early days of their lives. Throughout the half-term we will be continuing our learning of different celebrations by finding out more about Pancake Day, Mother's Day, St Patrick's Day, St David's Day and Easter.

Personal, Social and Emotional

We will be focusing on how we can keep ourselves healthy and safe. As well as thinking about healthy eating and exercise, the children will be exploring the importance of dental hygiene, e-safety, cleaning ourselves, keeping hydrated and the importance of vitamins and minerals.

Handwriting

We are now introducing the children to writing on the line, showing them the correct orientation and sizing of their letters. Your child should be positioning ascenders and descenders correctly.

Children should be forming their Curly Caterpillar Letters (c o a d g q e s f) robot letters (r n m h b p k) and long ladder letters (i l j u y t) correctly. Children should also start to write their capital letters correctly.

Maths

- Compare quantities using the terms "more", "fewer" and "equal".
- To find 1 more and 1 less for numbers up to 10.
- To know the numbers that add together to make 7.
- To explore doubles.
- To sort odd and even numbers.
- To create 3-step patterns.
- To compare objects by length or height.
- To name and describe 3D shapes such as cube, cuboid, cylinder, sphere, pyramid and cone.
- To use everyday vocabulary such as "yesterday", "today" and "tomorrow" to describe and order events.

Phonics

In this half term the children will begin to learn about digraphs. These are two letters that make one sound such as 'sh'. Please remember that there are games on Bug Club, linked to your child's phonic learning that week, that provide a fun and engaging way for your child to practise recalling and reading these sounds. These games, in addition to regular practise of their reading books on Bug Club, will support your child in maintaining their reading and writing progress. This half-term we will be encouraging the children to start to become more independent with their sentence writing, using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops throughout. We will also be introducing the children to Story Mountains so they can begin to plan and write their own stories!

Don't forget to also be practising the tricky words, found in your child's sound wallet, and looking out for these in everyday books you read to your child as well!