

# EYFS Curriculum Letter – Summer 1, 2024

We have made a great start back at school this week. Children have come back with such a lovely positive attitude, which we hope continues.

Please find below some details of what we will be learning this half term.

Best wishes,  
The Early Years team

Star Class - Huw, Mahira, Emma, Angela    Moon Class - Naomi, Christina and Massah

## Topic

Our class topic this half term is 'Growing'. We will be planting seeds and watching them growing into plants. We will also be hosting an incubator where children will see chicks hatching from eggs.

## English (reading and writing)

We will be learning how to write instructions. Children will have the opportunity to grow their own seeds into plants, then write instructions to teach others how to plant their own seed.

We will be reading the story 'The Enormous Turnip' and completing some creative writing activities based on this wonderful story.

We will also be reading and responding to the story 'The Extraordinary Gardener'

## Maths

In Maths, we will be learning all about 3-D shapes such as cubes, cones, cuboids and cylinders. We will be learning their names and attributes. We will also be developing our number skills up to 10 and beyond (beginning to work with 'tens' and 'ones').

We will be developing our subtracting skills as well as working on the composition of numbers.

## Physical development

We will be continuing our P.E. sessions. We will have a gross motor skills focus including spatial awareness, negotiating obstacles as well as continuing our work on team games and gymnastics.

## Communication and language

Our key vocabulary focus will be all about the vocabulary of growing. We will learn new words such as 'soil', 'plant', 'seed', 'stem', 'flower' and so on. We will continue to develop our listening skills by waiting our turn to speak, and take part in interesting discussions. We develop our children's communication skills in our language rich learning environments, where children encounter and use new words on a daily basis. Visuals, signs, symbols and other resources help children to learn new words as well.

## Art/DI

Children will have the opportunity to complete lots of observational drawings of plants and flowers this half term.

## PSHE

The focus this half term is 'Friendships'. Children will talk about their own friendships and what makes a good friend. They will think about their responsibility to other people, including towards their own families. As always we will focus on building positive relationships with others through using kind words and good manners.

### **Rough daily timetable:**

**9:00-9:30:** Phonics  
**9:30-10:45:** Independent learning time with teacher led activities.  
**10:45-11:15:** English whole class learning  
**11:15-12:30** Lunch and outdoor play  
**12:30-13:00:** Maths whole class learning  
**13:00-14:40:** Independent learning time with teacher led activities and snack.  
**14:40-15:15** Topic/Science/Art/PSHE  
**15:15 - 15:30:** Story and Ready for home.

### **Dates for the diary:**

**EVERY MONDAY AFTERNOON - parent reading session 3pm-3.30pm**

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April - Chicks arrive at school!**

**NURSERY CHILDREN TRIP TO SURREY DOCKS FARM : Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May**

**Look out for a Reception Farm trip (to Bocketts Farm, Surrey) in June!**