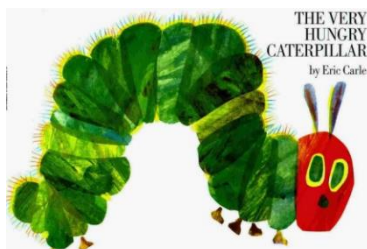
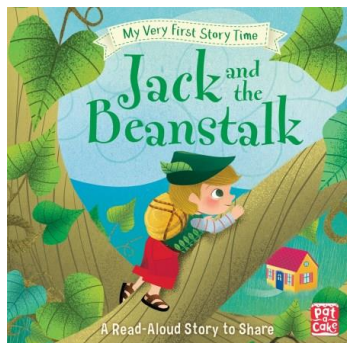


# Nursery Newsletter

Summer Term 1

Welcome back after the Easter holidays. We hope you had a restful break and are ready for a busy summer term. We would also like to extend a very warm welcome to all the new families who have joined us at the beginning of this term.



## Unit of Learning:

Our theme in Nursery this term is **In the Garden**. We will be thinking about all the changes that happen in the spring and summer months. We will be reading 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle and look at what happens to a tiny caterpillar egg when it is laid on a leaf. We will then be looking in detail at the life cycle of a butterfly and hopefully watching our own caterpillars turn into butterflies.

We will be exploring the life cycle of plants and reading Jack and Beanstalk alongside planting our own seeds and learning what we need to help them grow.

**Maths learning:** Children need regular opportunities to see how small numbers can be found within a larger group. "Number talks" are a great way to support this, as they encourage children to describe and discuss what they notice. For example, when looking at a ladybird with five spots, children might say that they can see 4 and 1, or 3 and 2, or even 1 and 1 and 1 and 1. By exploring all the different ways to make five, children deepen their understanding of number. This kind of mathematical play also supports the concept of conservation—understanding that the total number of objects stays the same, even when they are rearranged, spread out, or grouped in different ways. In addition to counting, we will also be focusing on different 2D and 3D shapes. Children will be encouraged to identify and name a circle, square, rectangle and triangle. We will also explore 3D shapes, considering which are best for stacking and which are best for rolling, such as cubes, spheres and cones.

**Phonics:** As part of our phonics learning this term, children who joined us in April will be taking part in listening and attention games to support their early sound awareness. For those moving on to Reception in September, we will continue following the Little Wandle phonics scheme, playing games to develop their knowledge of initial sounds and helping them learn to orally blend and segment words. For example, when hearing the sounds h-e-n, children will be encouraged to blend these together and say the word "hen."

**Writing:** We ask you that you encourage children to do lots of mark making, such as name writing and colouring. Please observe the way your child holds a pen. We are aiming for quadrupod grip that is required for Reception Year. Thank you.

**Spare clothes:** Please ensure that your child has a complete change of clothes in a bag on their peg. Accidents do happen and we need to be able to change your child quickly.

**Water Bottles:** Please make sure your child brings in a named water bottle to Nursery each day as the weather is getting warmer and they need to be drinking even more regularly.

*Thank you for your continued support – Jarmila, Sarah, Amy and Alison*