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Dear Parents/Carers,

Our topics this half term are 'Spring Flowers and showers' and 'Fee, Fi, Fo Fum!'

Within this topic we will follow the children's interests to find out about Spring, plants, growing and the story 'Jack and the Beanstalk'.



Personal and Social Education

- We will continue to look closely at our feelings this half term and learn to express ourselves and to identify how others may be feeling.
- We will work on understanding boundaries and routines at home and at nursery.

Communication, Language and Literacy:

- We will work closely on listening carefully to instructions and following them.
- Children will regularly participate in rhymes and poems as a group and one to one.
- We will model and encourage children to use good language and communication skills.
- We will extend children's vocabulary by ensuring we discuss new language that is introduced.
- Phase 1 Letters and Sounds: This term we will cover rhyme, rhythm and alliteration.

Maths

We investigate all areas of the maths curriculum in nursery. However, we will be focussing on:

- Number rhymes
- Counting forwards, backwards and subitising to 5.
- 2D shapes and their properties.
- Sorting, ordering and matching.
- Times around what will happen now, next and later.
- Length and height of Spring flowers and beanstalks.

Understanding the World

We will be...

- Exploring and experiencing Spring.
- Looking at the changes in weather from Winter to Spring.
- Freezing and melting using frozen flower pots.
- Life cycles of minibeasts.
- Planting seeds and beans to observe the stages of growth.
- How to look after our environment and grow our own food.

Physical Development

- Continue to develop fine motor skills to strengthen finger grip.
- We will focus on health and self-care routines, particularly independent toilet skills.
- We will continue to work on independent dressing and undressing skills, particularly shoes and coats.

Expressive Art and Design:

Through our topics we will enjoy...

- Colour mixing and exploration.
- Observational drawings of flowers, fruit and vegetables and castles.
- Butterfly wings for children to wear.
- Flower and plant printing
- Singing, playing instruments and dancing to music.





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In the Foundation Stage we follow children's interests, so it may be that some of these activities do not get completed and we follow the lead of the children into a different aspect of the topic.

As part of our curriculum, we take part in outdoor play each day and in all weathers. Please ensure that your child has a sun hat with their name on, suitable footwear and a waterproof coat each day. Please apply long lasting sun cream each morning before school. Please also send some in to school, which we can keep here, labelled with your child's name.

Please continue to send in any photos of any experiences that your child has at home via Tapestry. This supports me to assess the community strand of our curriculum and also provides a fantastic opportunity for your child to share their experiences and learning during our news time.

If you have any questions, concerns or you want to discuss any aspects of the curriculum further, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you for your continuing support,
Mrs Snowball, Miss Morrison, Miss Taylor, Mrs Richards and Miss Chapman

