

Nursery
Spring 1
2022

Walkley Primary School Curriculum Newsletter

'Enjoyment, Achievement and Learning for life...'



Topic: In The Garden

The Big Picture

Finally the sun is beginning to shine, the rain is less frequent so this half term we get to spend lots more time outdoors. Through our topic we will be exploring a wide range of different plants and flowers. We will be looking at the different parts of plants and how they grow; learning to look after our plants in our gardens, using new vocabulary to talk about what we can see, feel and smell and also learning new skills by planting our own Elmer garden.

Key Information and Dates

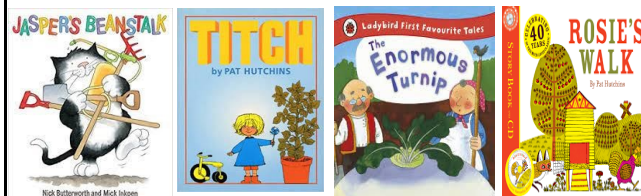
Forest School:
Week Beginning— 24.4.23

Please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately on the days that we have Forest school.

It might be a good idea to check the weather forecast each day and a change of shoes would be great.

Communication and language

Class Texts:



Literacy Focus:

We are looking forward to introducing the children to some new literacy skills this half term. We will continue to follow our key texts and will begin to practice the skill of retelling and ordering the stories that we hear.

We will be introducing a range of new vocabulary to the children that again we will practice using for retelling and also beginning the Word Aware and Concept Cat to further develop the children's understanding of some key language.

We will continue to explore mark making skills using a selection of different tools and resources and create opportunities for the children to practice recognizing and forming the letters for their own names.

Home Learning

At home please encourage your child to develop their independence. It would be helpful if the Elmers could practice putting on and taking off their own coats. Allow the children time to talk and share with others any exciting things they have been doing at home and try to encourage turn taking and sharing. We are also hoping to send home a toy diary for you to share some experiences with your child, record in the book and send back to school so that the children can share some exciting things they have been doing at home with their friends at school.

Thank You

Maths

Number	Numbers will continue to play a large part of our daily routines and play in Nursery. The children will see, play and experience numbers in all areas of the provision and throughout the whole day. We will use our carpet sessions to come together and look at exploring and understanding properties of shapes, ordering events of the day and making comparisons between objects that are long, short and tall. Each week we will introduce a new number song which will be repeated throughout the week to allow the children to learn the song well. We will also continue to explore numbers 1-10 through games and other resources in our environment.
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Understanding the World

History	Our history this half term will be based around the Monarchy and the coronation of King Charles. We will talk about who the Monarchy are and why the country is celebrating a coronation. We will use role play, stories and videos to develop the children's understanding of this key event.
Geography	In Geography we will be introducing the children to maps and routes through the story Rosie's Walk. We will look, draw and follow simple pictorial maps and talk about sequences, directions and features. We will then move on to looking at the local area and the buildings close to our school.
Science	In Science we will be looking closely at plants, what they are, how they grow and how to take care of them. We will be looking at a range of different plants and flowers, exploring their parts using some of our science tools and looking at how the plants are changing with the seasons.

Physical development	The children will continue to build up the strength in their hands through Dough Disco sessions. There will be lots of planned activities both independent and adult led, aimed at giving the children opportunities to practice holding mark making tools and helping them to develop their fine motor skills. Alongside the physical development opportunities in our outdoor area, we will be regularly taking the children to the school hall to practice a range of different skills focusing this half term on developing the children's Ball Skills	Our main focus this half term will be Feelings Understand gradually how others might be feeling. Talking with others to solve conflicts. We will continue to learn to choose and use resources that we would like to play with. Independently and sharing these resources with our friends and teachers and we will be continuing as always to develop our independence.
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Expressive art and design	The children will continue to develop their imaginations in their play. They will be able to freely use junk modelling and a range of craft resources to express and develop their creativity and imaginations. We will be creating art with tree Blossom linking out art to our science, painting with fruits and vegetables and learning how to draw and paint observational pictures of flowers and plants	This half term's RE theme is Story Time Key Question: What can we learn from stories? Religions: Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Sikhism The children will be listening to stories from different religions and talking about what they have heard.
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