

Early Years  
Spring 2

# Curriculum Newsletter



## Important Dates!

PE days:  
Kingfisher & Woodpecker:  
Thursday  
World Book Day: 6<sup>th</sup> March  
Spring Watch day: 28<sup>th</sup> March

## Literacy

In Phonics the children will continue to work in phonics groups according to where they are in their phonics journey. The children are using their known sounds, which they are blending, to read words.

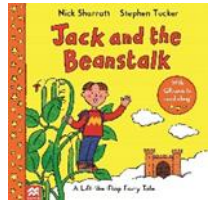
The children will be applying their phonics knowledge when writing words, labels and captions. We will continue to teach the children how to form letters correctly and the children will begin to write simple words, and some children will write sentences.

## Mathematics

- The children will learn each number's position in the counting sequence, focusing on numbers 1 - 8.
- Describe the parts and the numbers in a whole set and will explore the parts that make 7 e.g. 5 and 2.
- Investigate equal groups and explore doubling quantities to 10.
- The children will recap subitising, number facts to 5, more and fewer, doubling, exploring ways to make 7 and 8.

## Understanding the World

Through observation and conversations, we will be learning about the seasonal changes that occur in the natural environment. The children will be looking for signs of Spring. The children will begin to understand that in Spring lots of new life happens - chicks, lambs, buds and blossom. The children will be learning about life cycles of animals, and mothers and their young.



## Communication and Language

Our Talk Through Stories texts builds on the children's vocabulary and ability to talk about characters and events from familiar stories. Our texts for this half term will be: 'Extraordinary Gardner', 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and 'The Tiny Seed'. We work on each text for 2 weeks.

## Expressive Arts and Design

The children will explore joining and combining materials including moving parts e.g. using split pins. Children will learn a weekly nursery rhyme with Makaton that they will repeat and rehearse. Our children have regular opportunities to explore and play with a wide range of media and materials.

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Children will learn about healthy food, exercise and keeping safe. As well as developing skills to talk about past events - discuss how they have celebrated Easter and Mother's Day before.

## Physical Development

Our PE focus will be on Ball Skills. The children will learn to develop rolling and tracking a ball, develop accuracy when throwing to a target, develop dribbling with hands, develop throwing and catching with a partner.