

Spring 2 – What is inside there?

Knowledge Organiser

Parent involvement

EYFS Fund – Any cash donation you can make each half term is greatly appreciated. We use this fund to enhance our curriculum.

Key dates:

Wednesday 28th February – EYFS Spring Music Celebration 10am.

Tuesday 19th March – Open afternoon 2pm.

Communication and language:

In Nursery, we will be supporting the children to tune in and listen, follow more complex instructions, and use full sentences when they talk. We will also be encouraging manners in conversation. We will be reminding and encouraging the children to not speak over other people and to wait for their turn to speak.

Below are some links that can be used to support you in helping your child at home with their communication and language development:

[Tips for Early Language Development.pdf](#)

[Practical activities to support listening and attention \(1\).pdf](#)

[Prepositions.doc \(live.com\)](#)

[Nursery Rhymes in the Early Years | National Literacy Trust](#)

Physical Development:

We will be encouraging the children to become more independent – zipping up own coat and putting shoes on independently. You can support your child by practising at home.

The children will be writing their first names each day as they arrive at nursery. You can support your child with this by practising at home.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

We will continue using the Zones of Regulation to support the children learn about emotions and self-regulation. Learning about different strategies to help them feel happy and calm.

[Emotions for Kids - Happiness, Sadness, Fear, Anger, Disgust and Surprise \(youtube.com\)](#)

[Rainbow Relaxation: Mindfulness for Children \(youtube.com\)](#)

[Staying Calm When I'm Angry \(youtube.com\)](#)

Literacy & Understanding the World:

Books linked to our big question:

Week 1 - Earth worms: Superworm

Week 2 - Snails: The Snail and the Whale

Week 3 - Chicks: Pig's Egg and From Egg to Chicken (non-fiction book)

Week 4 - Bees: When the Bees Buzzed Off, All About Bees (non-fiction)

Week 5 - Rabbits and Easter: We're Going on An Egg Hunt

Expressive Arts and Design:

[Nursery Rhymes in the Early Years | National Literacy Trust](#)

[CBeebies Nursery Rhymes - CBeebies - BBC](#)

You can support your child at home by singing nursery rhymes and doing the actions or clapping / tapping the rhythm. We will continue singing nursery rhymes and doing the actions or using musical instruments as we sing rhymes.

Maths:

We will be learning about shapes. You can support your child by looking for shapes in the environment when you are out and about. You could post pictures of your child with shapes you find that we can look at in school to support their learning.

Songs and exercises to support the learning of shapes that we will be using in school. You could watch and do these at home with your child to support their learning:

[The Shapes Dance! \(NEW\) - Mister Maker \(youtube.com\)](#)

[The HEXAGON Song | Sing & Spell Shapes \(youtube.com\)](#)

[Free Online Dance Lesson for Toddler & Preschooler - Move and Learn your 2D Shapes \(youtube.com\)](#)

Key vocabulary – Nursery

<u>Vocabulary for continuous provision areas</u>				
<u>Calm corner</u> Relax, relaxing Breathe, breathing Calm Emotions: sad, scared, worried, tired, happy Snuggle, cuddle	<u>Quiet area</u> Friends Chat Quietly Calmly Stories Read	<u>Home corner</u> Hob Whisk Mix Hot, cold, warm Tasty Delicious	<u>Construction</u> Stack Destroy Knock Tall, Taller, tallest Small, smaller, smallest Bricks	
<u>Mark making table</u> Pencils Colouring Trace Tape, stick, glue Rip, tear Collage	<u>Maths area</u> Counting Sorting Weighing scales Heavy, heavier, heaviest Light, lighter, lightest	<u>Sand play</u> Sprinkle Wet Dry Mould Pat, tap	<u>Water play</u> Pour Filter Funnel Splash Wet	
<u>Vocabulary for Spring 2 topics: burrow, underground, tunnels, eggs , habitat, lifecycle</u>				
<u>Worms</u> Wriggle Bones / skeleton (don't have these) Hairs Stretch Wormery Soil Birds Rain	<u>Snails</u> Shell Protection Spiral Slimy Slowly Small Water, wet Slither	<u>Chicks</u> Eggs Fragile Hatch Pipping Incubator Hen Roost Wings Fly	<u>Bees</u> Beehives beekeeper Honey Hexagon Buzz Pollen Stings Wings Flowers Beeswax	<u>Rabbits</u> Cute Big ears Hop Nibble Soft Furry Dig Hutch Pets
<u>Vocabulary for Maths – Shapes and patterns</u>			<u>Vocabulary for Phonics</u>	
Shapes – circle, triangle, square, rectangle, semi-circle, hexagon Sides Corners Patterns Repeating - happens again			Listen Quiet Sounds - Initial sound and Letter sounds Blend Segment Read	