



Nursery News Letter

Term 4



Important dates:

Learning together sessions:

Squirrels

Friday March 8th Mother's Day
Breakfast 9am – 930am

Tuesday 19th Learning
Together – Easter Egg Hunt
225pm – 3pm

Thursday 21st Learning
Together – Easter Egg Hunt
9am - 930am

Bumblebees:

Mothers day Tea party –
Tuesday 5th March- 9.00-9.30

Mothers day Tea Party-
Wednesday 6th March 2-
2.25pm- 2.55pm

Easter adventures- Monday 25th
March 2.25pm- 2.55pm

Easter Adventures- Wednesday
27th March- 9.00-9.30am

World book day- Friday 8th
March (Dress up as a character
from a book)

Rednose day- Wear red- 15th
March

Thursday 28th March – Last day
of term – non uniform day.

Nursery Reminders:

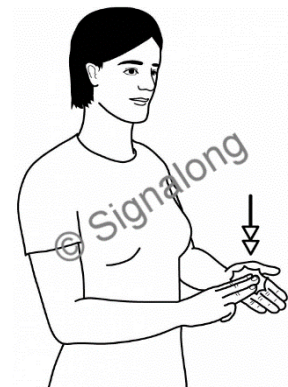
- We are a **NO NUT** school please ensure to be vigilant when packing your child's lunch box due to several serious allergies.
- We ask that your child's sandwiches do not contain **chocolate spread**, the reason behind this is we are unaware if these contains nut (some do) but also we are promoting healthy eating within Nursery.
- Please label all belongings, our children often have the same items so these will ensure your child has their own belongings. This includes waterbottles.
- Please may be ask for weather appropriate clothing i.e. coats and hats and Wellies for the colder weather.
- School dinners need to be booked by Wednesday at 12.00pm on MCAS for the following week. After this we will not be able to supply a lunch for your child.
- There is no parking on the school grounds so please park locally and walk, unless previously agreed.
- Please can you ensure that all grapes are cut to prevent choking.
- No sweets or fizzy drinks should be brought into nursery under any circumstances. Please ensure these are not in your child's bag.

Nursery Rymes we are focusing on this term:

- Mary Mary
- 5 little men in a flying saucer
- Im a little flower pot.
- Im a little scarecrow
- Sleeping chicks
- I'm a Little Bean
- Every Day I'm Growing"
- "How to Make the Flowers Grow".

Signs of the term:

Mummy



Foxes and Squirrles

Welcome back to Foxes and Squirrles, hope you all had a lovely break.

The Topic this term is Growing. Your children will be looking at how they have changed from being a baby to a two/three-year-old. We will be taking about some of the things they can now do that they couldn't do before such as dressing themselves and feeding themselves. The books we are using to support this is "The Growing Story" and "From Head to Toe".

We will also be looking at the life cycle of a butterfly and a chick. To support this learning, we will be having caterpillars to look after, and the children will hopefully see them change from caterpillar to butterfly. Eggs will be arriving in school soon and the children will be able to watch them and see the chicks hatch out. Books for this learning are "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" and "How Does an Egg Hatch" and "Dora's Chicks."

Planting will also be a big part of the topic and the children will learn what the seeds need to grow and how to look after them. Books for this learning are "Tilly plants a Tree."

For Art and design, we will be using yellow and green colours to represent the start of spring and we will have Daffodils for the children to look at and represent in their own way using paint.

In maths we will be recapping numerals 1 to 5 and then moving on to counting to six. We will also look at capacity using the buckets and sand, this will support counting and encourage new language such as heavy and light. We will also be looking at height and length which will be touched on when to talk about how we grow. Again, it will also introduce new language such as short, shorter, tall, and taller.

At home, please continue to share books and rhymes. When out please point out changes in the environment that are to do with growth such as new buds/leaves on trees, flowers coming up and starting to bloom. Also share how your child has changed as they grow, they crawled and now they walk, they were fed and now they can feed themselves.

Dates for your diary are –

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Bumblebees

This term in Bumblebees we will be learning all about growing, from the life cycles of butterflies and chicks to growing plants and talking about our growing bodies.

The children will learn all about how a butterfly starts as a caterpillar and how it will emerge into a beautiful butterfly, they will learn the knowledge on how we care for butterfly and when we release them into the outside world. The children will also learn how our bodies grow and how we keep our bodies healthy to help us grow. The children will learn how a plants grow and what it needs to help it grow and develop.

If you have any pictures of you growing plants at home please feel free to send them in so we can share them.



This term we are heavily focussing on getting your child ready for school and promoting their independence. This will include putting on their own coats and zipping them up and putting their own shoes on (Velcro shoes are always easier for your child). Ensuring your child is able to use the toilet independently and wiping their own bottoms as well as leaving you at the nursery gate ready for the day. If you're planning on your child having a packed lunch, it'd be useful to practise opening the packets and containers of food they'll be taking. This also means if your child is having a new lunch box and water bottle that they are able to open these. You can support this by practicing this at home.

This term we will be focussing on recognising our own names, we will do this through self registration as well as on their own personal items. Please can we ask you to encourage this at home as this is an important part of entering reception and recognising their own belongings. Also this term we are also focussing on our Math's skills, we are focussing on height and length, mass and capacity. You can practice this at home by talking about how things are tall and short, as well as heavy and light.

It is now only 20 weeks until your children leave us in Bumblebee's ready for their journey into school, we understand that this is going to be a big transition for your child and yourself. We want to make sure that this transition to go as smoothly as we can. Over the next few months there will be many dates around the transition period as well as helpful guidance sheets from the early years team at Swindon borough council, so please keep an eye out for these.



With our school transitions approaching something to think about: all children from Reception to year 2 are entitled to free school meals, If you are thinking of taking this up and your child struggles with a change of foods, we do provide hot dinners within Nursery at £1.60 a meal so please consider maybe introducing 1 or 2 hot meals a week to help with the transition into school.