

Maths

Number work has an on-going counting focus. We will count eggs and seeds and sort/order numbered eggs.

There will also be a link to coins and money as the children buy goods in our garden centre. T

They will be sorting and counting flowers for sale, as well as ordering items by size and shape.

The children will also be matching amounts to numerals.

As part of Hickory Dickory Dock we will be making and looking at clocks.

We will look at 2D and 3D shapes as we go about our craft activities, introducing vocabulary such as edge, corner and face.

Personal and Social

We are now working on listening to what others have to say and trying to respond appropriately. When playing, we are encouraging more interaction with each other to extend imaginative games.

We will also be learning to play turn taking games, winning and losing with good grace.

We will continue to develop the children's understanding of school rules and boundaries.

Understanding the World

We will be introducing the children to our classroom 'beebots', programmable toys. The children will be learning how to use these correctly and carefully. We will use the class computer to research and learn some facts about seeds and growing plants.

We will also be talking about Spring and seasonal changes we can see around us. Within this topic we will look at some popular, and some more unusual, animal babies and their parents. We will learn their names i.e. kitten, calf, tadpole etc. and look at how they change as they grow up. We shall look at what the adults do to help their babies as they grow.

As part of Humpty Dumpty we will be exploring eggs in different forms and how they develop into chicks.

As we near Easter we will be making Easter nests and looking at the changes in state of chocolate.

Physical Development

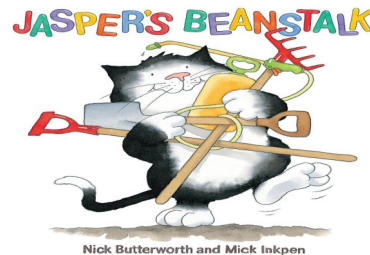
As the weather improves, we will be using more tools and big equipment in the garden as we begin to add more areas and activities—building up strength in our fingers as we learn to work safely and with an awareness of others.

Indoors we will be learning how to perform different rolls and using tools to make pictures.

We will focus on using a correct pencil grip when we mark make.

We will be using tools to plant seeds.

Nursery Rhymes & Jasper's Beanstalk



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Expressive art and design

Our role play areas will be a garden centre. We will continue to encourage the children to build storylines into their play and interact with each other as they have fun 'pretending'.

We will look at colours and patterns as we design a wall for Humpty Dumpty and make Jasper's Beanstalk collages, using different media.

Our making skills will also be put to use as we make seasonal cards and pictures, sometimes exploring colours and how they can be changed.

Literacy

We will be listening for rhyming words during our Nursery rhyme work.

We are also beginning to focus more on the children's ability to hear and recognise initial sounds in words. We will be using more Jolly Phonics songs and activities to build up the number of letter sounds we know. We may also begin blending simple three letter words using sounds the children already know. We shall also be looking at various places you find print in a garden centre—posters, packaging, prices etc—and making our own versions.

Communication and language

This half term we will be encouraging the children to ask more questions—when speaking to each other as well as when with an adult. We will be talking about people who are important to us and also learning new vocabulary as we match and name mother and baby animals and work in the Garden Centre.