



Summercroft

Early Years

April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

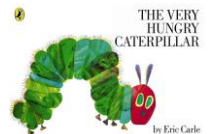
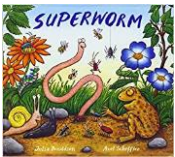


Welcome back, after what we hope was an enjoyable, safe and restful Easter break! We would love your child to share their experiences over the Easter holidays, so please ensure you update your child's Tapestry account with any photos and messages. We will share these with the class over the coming weeks. We are looking forward to a very busy and eventful summer term, with lots of exciting learning opportunities planned for your children.

THIS HALF TERM

We will begin this half term by looking at the season 'Spring'. Our focus text will be "The Tiny Seed" by Eric Carle and our learning will include looking at the changes that occur during this season, growing (including how to care for flowers and plants) and the life cycle of a flower. We will also learn about farm animals and their babies.

Following the children's interests and their love of worms and other insects, we will cover the topic 'Minibeasts', using quality texts such as "The Hungry Caterpillar" by Eric Carle and 'Superworm' by Julia Donaldson. Throughout these topics, we will look at minibeast habitats and life cycles. We will identify similarities and differences between them and there will also be lots of opportunities for art and craft activities linked to the stories.



In maths, Reception will be covering the mathematical concepts doubling, halving and problem solving involving addition and subtraction, alongside counting and ordering numbers to 20.

In Nursery, we will be continue focussing on recognising numerals and counting to 10. We will then move onto splitting a quantity of objects in different ways using a part-whole model. Such as the focus number could be 6 and this can be split into 4 and 2, 3 and 3 or 5 and 1 etc.

FOREST SCHOOL

This half term, the children will be continuing to develop their resilience, self-esteem and team building skills through a variety of games and activities. During Forest School, we will observe the changes that occur during spring first hand. Some of the activities the children will experience, include making wild flower bombs, being minibeast detectives, creating minibeasts using natural materials and making a class wormery.

'Along with milk and vegetables, kids need a steady diet of rocks and worms. Rocks need skipping. Holes need digging. Water needs splashing. Bugs and frogs and slimy stuff need finding.' Go RVing



READING

At Summercroft, we are very passionate about encouraging the children to develop a love for reading from a young age. You can support us with this by reading stories regularly to your child and asking questions about the story in order to develop their comprehension.

Reception children will continue to bring home reading books linked to our phonics scheme, which they can decode using their phonics knowledge. Please ensure that your child's reading book and diary are in your child's book bag each day as we do not necessarily read on the same day each week. Books must be returned in order for a new book to be sent home.

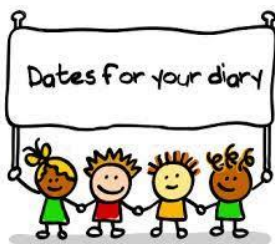


In order to continue to promote a love for reading and stories, we would like to introduce a Mystery Read scheme throughout the Summer term. The aim of "Mystery Reader" is to show children that adults love reading too, so we

would like to invite parents, grandparents or other family members to record a video of themselves reading a children's story. This could be a book you particularly enjoyed reading when you were growing up or a current children's book you have at home.

In order for the class to gain the full impact and excitement of the reader experience, please keep it a secret and hence a mystery, even from your own child!

Each Friday, we will share one of the mystery reader stories to the class. If you are happy to support us with this, then please upload your video to your child's Tapestry account, titled Mystery Reader. We are sure the children will love the surprise of seeing someone from their family reading a story to the class.



Term Begins

Tuesday 12th April 2021

May Day Bank Holiday

Monday 3rd May 2021 School Closed

**Minibeast Showcase
on Tapestry**

Tuesday 25th May 2021

Break Up for Half term break

Friday 28th May 2021

Supporting your child at home

Nursery

- Recognising rhyming pairs – cat and hat / dog and log
- Sharing stories and talking about the key events and characters
- Looking for letters and sounds in their environment
- Writing their own name
- Recognising numbers to 10
- Hunting for shapes / numbers in the environment
- Looking at different quantities of objects and comparing using the mathematical language – more / less / the same / fewer

Reception

- Continue a rhyming string – cat, hat, rat, mat
- Writing their own name
- Phonics games – jump on the sound (including learnt digraphs) / sound raffle / tricky word bingo / fishing for cvc words / matching cvc words to their pictures / writing silly sentences
- Writing simple sentences about daily events and current interests
- Recognising, ordering and counting with numbers to 20
- Practical addition and subtraction stories – there were 4 oranges in the bowl and then 2 more were added. How many are there altogether?
- Counting in 2s, 5s and 10s

We will update Tapestry regularly during the term with snapshots of your child's learning and experiences at school. If your child has any wow moments at home, then please add them to your child's Tapestry learning journal. We would love to hear about them and give your child the opportunity to share them with their peers.

Mrs Bugg, Miss Woodhouse and Miss Webster

