

Key Dates

Monday 3rd May—Bank Holiday

12th/13th May—Possible Eid- al -Fitr dates

Wednesday 19th May—Eid party for all rooms

Wednesday 26th May—Planting a Sunflower Day

Friday 28th May—Nursery closes for half term

Monday 7th June—School re opens

Reminder

Please remember to continue to wear a facemask when on site.



Please keep us all safe by sanitizing yours and your child's hands when you enter the building!

Download the **50 things to do before you're five** app. It has 50 wonderful activities that you can do with your child for free!



DON'T FORGET TO LOOK OUT FOR OUR RECIPES OF THE MONTH—HEALTHY TREATS TO MAKE AND EAT WITH YOUR CHILD!

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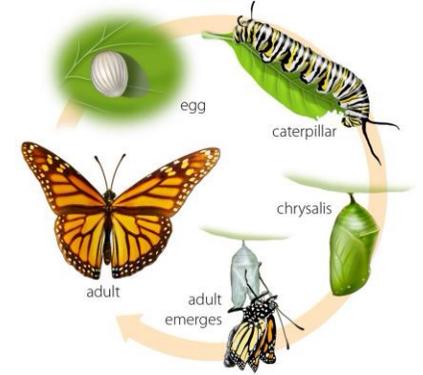


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This Term in Green, Blue and Purple Rooms



**Summer 1
2021**

More detailed plans are done on a weekly basis. These are displayed for you to view but please ask if you would like your own copy. We will also keep you updated in our weekly 'What's Happening'.

Jeśli potrzebujesz tłumaczenia na język polski użyj numeru.

যদি এই অনুবাদ বাংলায় চান তাহলে উপরের সংখ্যায় যোগাযোগ করুন.

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Extending Children's Knowledge Following children's interests

Bird Watching

Children have shown a great interest and fascination in noticing all the different birds that have come to visit our outdoor area. Children have been using binoculars to get a closer view, naming the birds with the support of non-fiction books and pictures. They have quietly observed the birds and listened to the different sounds that the birds make. We will extend this interest by researching what birds eat, creating bird feeders and providing opportunities for children to create their own interpretations of birds through different media and materials. We will use books and the internet to find out where birds fly to and link in our work around life cycles, researching the different egg colours and sizes.



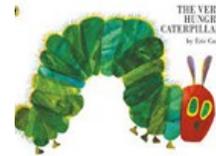
Nature Mixing

Some of the children have shared a keen interest in "potion making" using a range of natural ingredients from our environment. Children's imagination will be supported and extended in our mud kitchen. We will encourage expressive and descriptive language as children describe their mixtures and recipes. We will incorporate mathematical skills in counting, weighing ingredients, sorting and comparing. There are lots of materials in our outdoor environment for children to collect, combine, stir, shake and explore. We will encourage children to write about their mixtures and take photos of their work.



Introducing New Knowledge and Skills This is what we will teach the children

Our core story this term will be:
The Very Hungry Caterpillar



This story provides a great learning opportunity to explore ordering, days of the week, numbers and growth. We will teach the children skills in ordering objects and matching numerals to the correct amount. On the 20th April we received some caterpillars. We will be teaching the children about the lifecycle of a butterfly as we read the core story.

Life Cycles

We will also be teaching the children about the life cycles of other **mini beasts**, such as frogs, bees and ladybirds. We will hunt for mini-beasts and observe them. We will use our bug hotel in our wild area to look closely at the details of small creatures. Children will name the body parts and create diagrams. We will make use of magnifying glasses and identify mini-beasts using scientific books.



Growth



We will be visiting our very own **allotment** this term. This will provide many opportunities for sensory explorations and awe and wonder at the natural world. We will teach the children how to grow plants from seeds, how to look after the plants and then how to cook the food we grow! Each week we will examine the plants carefully for signs of growth. Children will learn about the different parts of a plant. They will learn why mini-beasts, such as bees, are so important in plant growth and use mathematical skills to count and measure the fruit and vegetable we grow.

Things you can do to support your child's learning

Please come into school and plant a sunflower seed with your child on [Wednesday 26th May](#). We would really be pleased if you could observe and document the plant growth together at home. Let us know how you get on and take pictures as your sunflower grows.



Read Together Every Day

Please continue to borrow books from our library and then read together every day. Try to find a quiet time where you can both snuggle in and get cosy for a special story.

Each week your child will be able to choose a book with their teacher to take home. Children often enjoy reading the same book over and over again. This is perfectly normal and helps children to remember and sequence stories. These skills in remembering and reciting stories are the beginnings of early reading skills.

Encourage your child to choose their favourite book frequently and let your child join in with reading their favourite phrases and repeated sections. They will quickly develop a love of books!

