

## Key Dates

**FRED Project Launch Event** - Tuesday  
2nd March 10:30am and 1:30pm  
online

**World Book Day**– Thursday 4th March  
**Nursery closes for Easter**—Friday 26th  
March

**Nursery opens for the Summer term** –  
Tuesday 13th April

### Reminder

Please remember to wear a facemask when  
on site.

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

### Hungry Little Minds

We understand that due to the coronavirus  
outbreak, you and your children are  
spending more time at home and you might  
be looking for a bit more inspiration for  
things to do. Start by trying some of the  
simple, fun activities provided on

<https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/>



**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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**This Term in Blue, Green  
and Purple Rooms**



**Spring 2  
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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نمبر سے رابطہ کریں

# THIS HALF-TERM IN BLUE, GREEN and PURPLE ROOMS

## Extending children's knowledge Following children's interests

### Sinking and floating

Children have been showing a continued interest in our water areas and have been exploring the theme of sinking and floating. We can further explore this theme with the children by enhancing our water area with a variety of different objects that may sink or float. This will prompt conversation about different weights of objects and allow us to explore density. Sink or float experiments are simple activities that will encourage the children to make predictions and observations about buoyancy and density. Through their observations, they'll learn that buoyant objects float and dense objects sink.

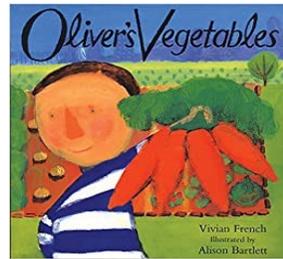


### Volcanoes

The children have also been interested in playing games such as "The floor is lava" and have been asking what lava is. This has prompted some discussion about volcanoes and what happens when they erupt. We will use factual books and the internet to find out about volcanoes, including their location around the world and why they might erupt. We will work with the children to explore scientific concepts and create their own explosive volcanoes! We will look at volcanic rock and the features of the land, comparing textures such as soil, sand and stone.



## Introducing new knowledge and skills This is what we will teach the children



Our core story in Blue and Green room this half term will be: "**Oliver's Vegetables**". This will give us the opportunity to explore a variety of foods with the children. We will discuss and learn about **healthy food** options. We will continue to complete weekly

cooking activities with the children. This will provide opportunities to introduce and name new foods. It will also provide an abundance of counting and mathematical opportunities, including measuring, weighing and comparing.

### Growing

In conjunction with the core story we will teach the children how to care for and cultivate their own fruits, vegetables and other plants both indoors and outside. Our new hydroponics system will allow us to grow plants at a fast rate. This will really help the children to discuss and monitor changes in the plants growth. We will learn about plant anatomy and what plants need to grow. We will make labels and draw diagrams to represent the structures of the plant.



### Jack and the Beanstalk



This will be the core story in Purple room. We will teach the children about growing beans. We will compare sizes and different heights. The children will also learn about story sequencing, using terms such as beginning, middle and end when sharing the story together.

## Things you can do to support your child's learning

You can help and support your child's learning by reading our core story at home together. You can also watch the stories together by following these links:

**Oliver's Vegetables**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I94vTfr4LQs>

**Jack and the Beanstalk**

You can find a video of this story being read on our Midland road Facebook page



As adults we understand the importance of mental health. [Place2Be.org.uk](https://www.place2be.org.uk) is a pioneer in early intervention. It helps schools to understand and identify mental health problems, enabling children to focus on learning and giving children tools to cope with challenges throughout their lives. This website has some fantastic materials, news updates and blogs that parents and carers can access; giving tips and advice on talking to your children about good mental health.

You can also view a series of animations and stories on YouTube called **Lucy's Blue Day**. This provides an accessible way to talk to children about their feelings and emotions and deals with relevant themes such as Coronavirus

