

# Sycamore Newsletter

Summer 1

## Communication and Language

Communication and language are at the heart of the Early Years Curriculum, and they are skills that are needed in **everything** that we do.

Key aspects of communication and language are:

- **Listening and attention**
- **Understanding**
- **Speaking**
- **Vocabulary development**
- **Social use of language**

We will be focussing on all of these aspects using a range of strategies including:

- **Commenting**
- **Modelling**
- **Encouraging interactions**
- **Use of visuals**

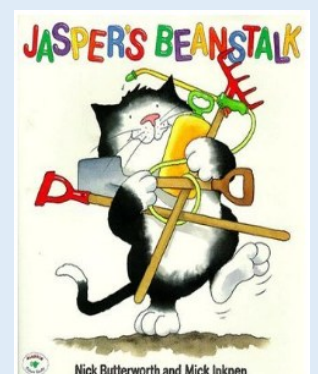
If you would like to find out more about ways you can help your child's communication and language, please come along to our SEND Café on Friday 8th May where we can answer any of your questions.

**Singing** with your child is a great way to develop Communication and Language skills. Our key songs for this half term are; **The Grand Old Duke of York, Jack and Jill, I'm a Little teapot, 10 in the bed, and 5 Little Ducks**

## Literacy

Our focus text this half term is **Jasper's Beanstalk**. We will be sharing this story with the children and will offer plenty of activities that help the children understand the planting and growing process.

Please can you ensure that book bags come into school every Wednesday for our **library** visit.



## Water Play



There will be lots of opportunities for water play this term. Please ensure that your child has spare clothes, including socks in their bag, everyday as they are likely to get wet.

## SEND CAFE

Our next SEND Café is on Friday 8th May. It would be great to see as many of you as possible as this is a great opportunity to chat amongst friends and ask any SEN questions you may have. If you have anything you would like specific information on, please let Aimie know beforehand so she can prepare any resources.

## Independence

As the children get closer to starting school, we will be encouraging independence skills. We will be encouraging the children to find and put on their own coat, take off and put on their shoes, carry their own bag, make choices to show their own preferences, drink from an open cup etc. Please continue to help the children do these at home. Some children will continue to need support with such activities and that's ok. Small steps towards being independent will still make a difference. E.g. a child might not be able to put on their coat but they may offer their arms to help.

### Key dates:

14th April—Vaisakhi Celebrations

25th April—Parent consultation Day—see tapestry for more information

8th May—SEND Café

14th May -Sycamore Room Stay and Play session

## Tapestry



Please remember to check Tapestry regularly for important dates coming up. And don't forget to look out for your child's experiences at the end of the term when their photos go live. We would love to see achievements and special events that happen at home so please share.

## Sun safety

Please apply sun cream to your child on warm, sunny days. Sun hats are provided by Nursery.



## Contributions

Once again, thank you to all those families who gave their weekly £1 contribution last half term. We greatly appreciate this contribution if this is something that you can afford.