

Oak Room Newsletter

The second half of the summer term is a time to focus on changes and transitions, as many of the children will be leaving our Nursery School and continuing their journey into Primary School.

All the schools that children are moving on to have been invited in to see the children before they move into their new setting.



The year goes by so quickly and it's nearly time to say "Goodbye!"

Mathematics

This term we will be exploring and investigating ways of adding and subtracting, using practical skills to solve problems.

We will be looking at symmetry (the same on both sides) and creating/making our own symmetrical patterns, this will be explored through a wider range of materials, media and objects.

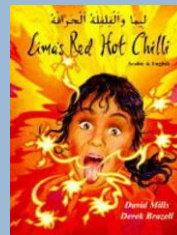
The children will also investigate weight using practical activities and a variety of scales to explore heavy, light, heavier than and lighter than.

We will also explore length, distance and speed in a variety of ways, using different tools measure such as rulers, yard sticks, measuring tapes, blocks and the children's own hands and feet.

The opportunity to explore time will also be investigated through egg timers, alarms, sand timers and buzzers.

Literacy

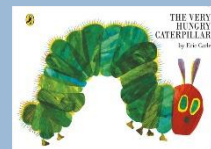
We continue to focus on stories and this half term we will finish Jack and the Beanstalk and then Lima's Red hot Chilli and The very hungry caterpillar.



The children have become very confident in retelling the stories that they know.

They do this in a variety of ways such as looking at pictures, acting out, using props and drawing their own story.

The children will continue with phonics and they will begin some early blending and segmenting skills as well as listening for initial sounds



Rhymes and Poems

The children will continue to be introduced to a new rhyme/poem each week this enhances their vocabulary and their awareness of rhythm and rhyme.

We will be learning "There's a tiny caterpillar", "This old man" and 'London's Burning' to name a few.

Social Skills

We will support the children to continue to make new friendships and positive relationships with other children in the nursery. Encouraging developing relationships with who they may be moving

We will discuss how these new changes may make us feel.

Understanding the World

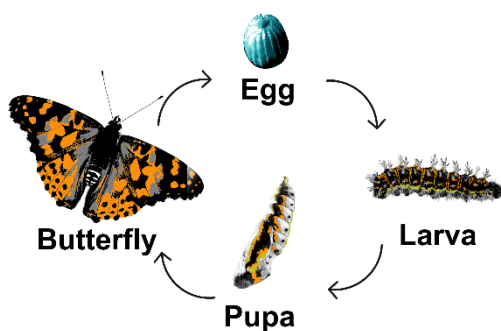
The children will learn about the lifecycle of the butterfly as we will watch caterpillars turn to butterflies, in an experience that lasts a couple of weeks (very fascinating).

We will look at maps and where we may be going/have gone on holiday and where members of our families live.

We will also be planting this term and discussing what we need to help our plants grow.



We will be planting Beans and observing the changes as we enjoy the Jack and the Beanstalk story.



Culture and celebrations

We will be celebrating Father's Day this year please look out for the information on Tapestry where Dad's (Or anyone special) can attend a short session in the Oak room garden depending on the weather.

We do understand that not all Dad's are able to attend and therefore we encourage anyone who is special to come along and join in.

We will also celebrate Eid this term.

NSPCC Pants

We will be talking to the children about keeping themselves safe. This is an important topic that we need to discuss. We will also be sharing information with parents.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be exploring the work of French artist Henri Matisse. Observing some of his work and looking at ways to create our own pieces of art.

We will also explore the artist Vincent Van Gough, looking at two of his famous paintings' A starry Night' and 'Sunflowers'

The children will have the opportunity this term to explore a small selection of brass and woodwind instruments. They will be exposed to written musical notes and have the chance to play these on a keyboard.

Physical Skills

We will continue to explore what our bodies can do using a range of activities. All children will have taken part in Nature Play sessions by the end of the Summer Term which is a small space located at the back of our Nursery school where the children can explore everything natural and have a great time getting muddy!

We continue to support children to develop their fine motor skills which will help them to become writers. We have lots of different experiences planned to support this in nursery and what you can do to support them at home.

We would like to thank you all for your support over this academic year. And wish all the children well in their new school.