

Nursery News

Issue Summer One

The Theme of the Half Term

Welcome aboard our first eggciting journey of the summer term! Just as our little learners grow, so does the beautiful wonderful world around us; it's time for us to press the pause button and enjoy some mindful moments in nature. Our theme of 'Our Investigations' is about capturing the awe and wonder of the natural world, taking a moment to look up or perhaps look down. You never know when a nest is lurking in the branches or a trail of ants are marching up and over your shoe. These are the moments we live for in Nursery; real-life experiences captured with amazement and smiles! To capture a true spring investigation, we will be delving deep into the world of growing. Green fingers, muddy boots and watering cans at the ready! Our Nursery children love Peter Rabbit, so what better way to inspire a love of learning than inviting Peter himself, into our growing journey. Peter Rabbit is opening his own growing farm and has called upon the green Nursery superheroes to get things started in the allotment! It's time to let the gardeners and farmers lurking within our little people, shine brightly. From Mrs Tiggywinkle's home-grown afternoon tea to Jemima Puddle-duck's farmland adventure, this summer half-term has it all. Oh and shh, there is an eggstraordinary surprise arriving, but don't tell your little learner - we have some egg predicting to do first. Peter Rabbit would love fresh farm eggs, so we have arranged for a nest of Jemima's finest eggs to be delivered to Nursery. The duckling eggs will arrive in an incubator and it's our mission to care for our new fluffy arrivals from the moment they hatch. Egg detectives here we come!

Please refer to Dojo for home learning ideas and inspiration.

Hook of The Week



Week 1 - Peter Rabbit's Allotment

Week 3 - Peter's Hay Bale Barn

Week 2 - Peter's Peaceful Garden

Week 4 - Peter's Farm Shop

Week 5 - Jemima Puddle-Duck's Eggcellent Surprise

Week 6 - Peter's Pond on the Farm

Week 7 - Peter's Sticky Surprise

Our Spotlight Stories of The Half-Term



Parts of a Plant

To the tune 'The Wheels on the Bus'

The roots on a plant grow underground.
Underground, underground.
The roots on a plant grow underground.
Roots are part of a plant.

The stems on a plant hold up the leaves.
Up the leaves, up the leaves.
The stems on a plant hold up the leaves.
Stems are part of a plant.

The leaves on a plant are making food.
Making food, making food.
The leaves on a plant are making food.
Leaves are part of a plant.

Songs of the Half-Term

Growing Seeds Song

To the tune 'For He's a Jolly Good Fellow'

Go dig a hole in the garden,
repeat x 2.
To put a seed in to grow.

Then, plant your seed in the garden,
repeat x 2.
And wait for it to grow.

Next, water your seed in the garden,
repeat x2.
And wait for it to grow.


Five Little Ducks

Five little ducks went swimming one day,
over the hills and far away.
Mummy duck said, "quack, quack, quack, quack",
and four little ducks came back.

Repeat for four, three and two.


One little duck swimming one day,
over the hills and far away.
Mummy duck said, "quack, quack, quack, quack",
and all five little ducks came back.






Communication and Language

- Treasure Talk - Favourite fruits and vegetables, hands-on experience with ducklings.
- Peter Rabbit's Bird Feeder Instructions.
- Animal Sound Walk - Recreating animal noises.




Personal, Social, Emotional Development

- Daily Meditation and Yoga Practice
- Creating Egg and Chick Rules
- Bird Feeder Team Project
- The Nursery Farm Shop - collaborative teamwork to prepare and serve food to their friends.




Physical Development

- Making Fresh Orange Juice
- Milking the Nursery Cow
- Egg Collecting from the Coop
- Fruit Kebabs
- Beeswax Candle Making




Literacy

- Duck Diary & Care Guide
- Tractor Mark-Making in the Mud
- Story-telling with the ducklings
- Plant Lifecycle Story Map
- Green Superhero Drawing Club Character
- Moovellous Milkshake Menu




Mathematics

- Egg Sorting - Duck, chick, quail, goose and ostrich eggs.
- Seed Sorting and Counting
- Plant Growth Charts
- Weighing Seeds
- Animal Footprint Patterns



Expressive Arts and Design

- Seed Mosaics
- Observational duck drawing using different media
- String Wrapped Animals
- Life Cycle Singing Rap
- Flower Crowns
- Clay Impressions
- Fruit/Veg Printing



Understanding the World

- Duck Eggs to Nursery
- Seed Planting in the EYFS Garden
- Seed Investigation
- The Shaving Foam Sheep Sheering
- Bird Feeder Creation
- Chicken Coop - Egg Collecting
- Milking the Nursery Cow



Our Areas of Learning