



Heathland School Curriculum Newsletter

Nursery

Term : Summer

English :

We will develop our understanding and grow our vocabulary by listening to stories connected to our topics, using new language in our role play area (garden centre and vet's surgery) and small world play connected to our learning. We continue to learn the Speed sounds from the Read Write Inc phonics scheme. We are learning two new sounds each week, practising to read and write them using the Read Write Inc phrases. Fred Frog helps us to develop our blending and segmenting skills by talking to us in Fred talk (pronouncing words as individual sounds e.g. f-r-e-d) We are now beginning to use the sounds we know in our own writing, e.g. writing initial sounds to label our pictures.

Maths :

We are continuing to explore a new number from 1-10 every two weeks. Now that we are looking at bigger numbers, we are going to take more time to explore each number, not only using it to count objects and learning the numeral but also looking at different ways to make up a number, using it to solve practical addition and subtraction problems and telling number stories.

We use a variety of materials to do this such as numicon shapes, cubes or objects connected to our topics and stories. We will also begin to record numbers using our own drawings and marks as well as forming the correct numerals and having a go at recording number sentences.

We are also looking at different contexts in which numbers are used, exploring and comparing time, weight, length and money.

Topics

Summer 1: Our Wonderful World - Where did that come from?

Summer 2 : Our Furry Friends - How do we care for them?

Topic :

This term we are learning about plants and animals. We develop and understanding of change and growth and learning about life cycles by observing plants and looking after some real animals that will be visiting the nursery. We will see caterpillars grow and turn into butterflies and chicks hatch from eggs and we will talk about how we have grown and changed since we were born. We will look at animals in our environment but also learn about those that live as far away as Africa, going on Safari. We will talk about how we can look after the plants and animals around us by avoiding unnecessary waste and recycling materials.

Our Stories: The Very Hungry Caterpillar, The Tiny Seed, Jack and the Beanstalk, The Adventures of a Plastic Bottle, Dear Zoo, We All Went on Safari, Rosie's Walk, The Gruffalo

PE,PSHE and MindUp :

We are going to continue Jigsaw sessions with Jenie and Jerrie. We will talk about what our bodies need, our families and how we grow and change.

We are continuing our daily brain breaks, taking time everyday to become quiet, breathe and to think about all our experiences in nursery. We are practising to name our feelings through songs stories and rhymes and are learning that all feelings are ok and how to deal with the ones that might be hard. We continue to learn about our brains and the important work they do and recapping the different parts of the brain: The Wise Owl (or Prefrontal Cortex) helps us to learn and think, the Elephant (or Hippocampus) keeps all of our knowledge and memories and the Guard Dog (or Amygdala) makes sure we are safe.



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Noticeboard

Reminders

Arriving and leaving school

Please arrive to school on time each day. Our gates open at 8:50am/12.00 pm and close promptly. After this time, you will need to let the school office know you are here, so we can let you in.

P.E Day

Please remember Nursery PE day is Tuesday and that your child comes to school dressed in their PE kit. We have a whole school 'No jewellery policy' for PE and only stud earrings should be worn on other days.

Bookbags

Please ensure that your child brings a bookbag or backpack to school **every day** so that they can take home class reading books, school letters with important information as well as the children's learning from the day.

Summer Clothing

As we are outside every day, please remember to dress your children appropriately now the weather is getting warmer. Ensure they have a sunhat and a water bottle with them and apply sun screen when needed.

Picnic in the Park

We are planning a walk to the local park and a picnic for the last week of the first half term (Wednesday, 24th May). More information will follow closer to the date. Please let us know if you are interested in coming along as a parent helper.

Transition to Reception

During the second half of the term we will support your children in getting ready for Reception. We will visit the reception area and they will get to know their new class on Transfer Day (July 6th). We will also talk about how the routine, the learning and the learning environment will be different in big school.

Key Dates this Term

May Day Bank Holiday—*Monday 2nd May 2022*

Chick's arriving in Nursery—*Monday 16th May 2022*

Walk to the local park—*Wednesday 24th May*

Jubilee Celebrations—*Thursday 26th May 2022 - 3.00 pm finish*

Jubilee Bank Holiday—*Friday 27th May 2022*

May Half Term—*Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June 2022*

Transfer Day - *Wednesday 6th July*

Nursery Consultation Day-*Wednesday 13th July*

Pupils' Last Day of Summer Term—*Wednesday 20th July 2022 - 2.00pm finish*