



Spring Term
Spring/New life/Traditional tales

This term we will be reading story books and information books about Spring, farms and Easter. We will incubate eggs and observe changes initially in the shell, then we will follow the chick’s development over time. We will also be looking at seasonal changes taking place around us, including observation of how the daffodil bulbs we planted in the Autumn are growing. We will explore how Easter is celebrated and enjoy cultural activities associated with the festival. We will visit Tesco, taking part in the ‘Explore the Store’ farm to fork trail. We will begin to explore a range of traditional tales which will include ‘Little Red Riding Hood’ and ‘The Little Red Hen’. Children will be encouraged to act out the stories using puppets and props, developing their story language. We will work with the children to create simple story maps to help us re-tell the stories we have listened to. The children will perform the story of ‘The Enormous Turnip and we will invite parents to watch. Parents and carers will be invited to take part in our ‘Family Works’ course. We will also invite our parents to a Maths Workshop where they will have the opportunity to take part in some fun Maths activities with us.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Physical Development	Communication and Language	Literacy	Mathematics	Understanding the World	Expressive Arts and Design
Mersey Bear will continue to be used to promote and reinforce our rules. We will support children in understanding their feelings. We will use the SEAL materials to reinforce our values, celebrate things we are good at and talk about how we can be kind and a good friend to others.	We will be exploring how to keep healthy, talking about healthy food choices, exercise, sleep and also how to keep our teeth healthy. We will play a range of games with the children encouraging them to negotiate a space safely e.g. ‘What’s the Time Mr Wolf?’ We will continue to practise correct letter formation using cursive script	We will continue to encourage the children to follow instructions and will also begin to develop their questioning skills. Children will be encouraged to re-tell traditional stories using story language. e.g. ‘Once Upon a Time’, ‘Happily Ever After’ Children will take part in with Circle Time and P4C activities.	Daily phonics will continue in small groups. Children will have lots of opportunities to hear rhymes, developing their ability to continue a rhyming string. We will share information books with the children and discuss features of them, e.g. contents page, labels and glossary. We will be encouraging children to write independently in all areas of provision indoors and outdoors and to write for a purpose. We will teach them how to use a capital letter at the beginning of a sentence, use of finger spaces, full stops and also encourage them to read back their writing. Children will retell traditional tales using puppets and props and develop their understanding of language patterns in stories.	During our Daily ‘Maths Meet’ sessions children will continue to practice the days of the week. They will also be encouraged to count forwards and backwards, developing their confidence with number order. We will use the language of more and fewer, comparing amounts in sets. Children will be given practical opportunities to find 1 more and 1 less, adding and taking away using mathematical language such as how many left? How many altogether, add and take away. Children will continue to develop their ability to recognise numerals and to deepen their understanding of number. Children will continue to have opportunities to explore patterns and shapes.	We will notice changes in plants, animals and seasons. We will go on a spring walk and use a digital camera and iPad to take photographs. We will try hard to talk about how things change e.g. The eggs we are incubating, the chick’s development and how dough changes into bread. We will find out about Chinese New Year and how it is celebrated. We will also find out about Mother’s Day.	We will continue to develop the children’s experience of using a range of techniques, including marbling, mono-printing and observational drawing. The children will be encouraged to adapt and change their constructions. Children will be encouraged to move in response to a variety of different music including the turnip dance which they will perform for their friends. Children will use a variety of media, tools and techniques to create an Easter basket.

