

Class 1 Learning Snapshot

Summer 1 - 2026



"Watch Me Grow!"

Over the summer term we will be exploring the topic of growth, life cycles, and healthy living! The children will develop an understanding of how living things grow and change over time. Exploring the life cycles of a chick and a butterfly through the stories, *Who is in the Egg?*, *The Egg Drop* and *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. We will get creative, producing artwork inspired by the vibrant collage style of Eric Carle, as well as designing and making egg protectors to keep an egg safe in an egg drop experiment!

Alongside this, the children will learn about healthy food choices and positive feelings, exploring how we can show love, be thankful and look after our bodies. This will continue to support their growing understanding of the importance of a balanced and healthy lifestyle.

After half term we will talk about how we grow and change, sharing baby photos and discussing personal growth as we begin to think about transition.

F2 The Very Hungry Caterpillar...

As part of our 'Talk for Writing' project this term, we'll be focusing on the much-loved story *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. Through role play, small world activities, and story maps, the children will rehearse and retell the story, helping to build their sequencing, storytelling, and imaginative skills. Once they're confident with the original tale, we'll have fun adapting it together to create our own simple version. I wonder what hungry creature might hatch out of the egg next!

Mathematics

This term, our nursery children will continue to build their understanding of numbers 1 to 5 through number songs, rhymes, and games. They will practise showing finger numbers to 5 and begin to link numerals to the correct amounts. We'll also be exploring positional language such as 'on', 'under', 'over', 'through' and 'between', helping children to describe where objects are, talk about their own movements, and explain simple routes.

Our reception children will begin by partitioning and exploring with the numbers 9 & 10. Before moving on to key mathematical concepts such as sharing and grouping, comparing quantities up to 10 and ten numbers and beyond! We will also investigate the properties of 3D shapes.

Parents as Partners

Here are a few suggestions on how you can support your child's learning further.

Reading

- Read a story at bedtime
- Share a book with a grown-up
- Read to your favourite toy
- Enjoy a story outside
- Spot letters or words when you're out and about
- Act out your favourite story

Useful Websites/Apps

www.topmarks.co.uk for a range of learning games.



Download the White Rose Maths '1 minute maths' App to develop your child's subitising skills, the ability to recognise a quantity without counting.

Reception Home Learning

Please share your child's school reading book and complete the phonics links provided. Look out for math's challenges on your child's ClassDojo profile, post your child's learning from home to earn extra dojo points.

Class Information

Active Fridays: Forest School will take place in the morning and PE will be in the afternoon, **please send your child dressed in their PE kit** (including nursery children who attend on a Friday).

Please pack a change of uniform in your child's rucksack or leave a set in school (drawstring bag on their peg) in case of any accidents.

Please make sure you send your child with a waterproof coat & water bottle every day.

Children are welcome to bring a fruit snack to school in their backpack for the day. **Pease label** if it is stored in a container. Fruit and milk will also be available for children to access at snack time.



ClassDojo

Please ensure you are connected to Class Dojo and keep up to date with school updates. If you have any issues, please contact a member of staff.

Polite reminder that staff are only expected to respond to messages between 8am-5.30pm on working days.

Subject	Key Knowledge/ Theme
Personal, Social & Emotional Development	Friendships Healthy bodies
Physical Development	Active Fridays! Every Friday, children will enjoy PE in the afternoon and Forest School in the morning. These sessions will alternate each half term for our nursery part timers.
Music	Music & Movement
Expressive Arts & Design	Artist/Illustrator: Eric Carle Caterpillars Design and build an egg protector.
Understanding the World	Life Cycles, Change & Growth Spring
RE	Which people are special and why? Children will think about people who are special, including themselves, their peers and members of the wider community. They will then share stories about people who are special in religious communities today. Retelling the stories of Jesus Miracles.