



Little Robins

Curriculum Newsletter

April 2024

Dear Parents

We hope that you had a lovely, relaxing Easter break and welcome back to an exciting new term!

During the first part of this half term our general topics will cover looking at animal life cycles and growing. The children may have told you about the new addition of tadpoles to the classroom. We are also awaiting a delivery of caterpillars and will be keenly monitoring the changes that we see. During the latter part of half term we aim to plant flowers and herbs in our new planters in the garden. If anyone has any unwanted herb plants or compost, we would be most grateful for any donations.

Alongside this we will be thinking about where our food is grown and the conditions that are needed for it to do so, both in this country and abroad. The last week of half term we have two art afternoons planned which will culminate in our own production of 'sunflower paintings' as inspired by Van Gough and clay tile making, following our exploration of clay and how to use and manipulate it.

Key skills we hope to cover in our play-based learning this term include working as part of a team, developing fine motor skills to use a range of tools competently including cutting smaller shapes, using finer paint brushes and paying close attention to detail.

In the second half of the summer term we will be continuing our growing theme and have a study of an author to be voted for by the children. We will also be kept busy with Sports Day, transition day and end of term celebrations. More details to follow.

We will of course also respond to children's interests as they arise. Please do let us know if there are any particular interests or events that we could incorporate into our learning. We would also like to encourage the children to bring in their favourite books from home to share with the class (please ensure it is named).

It is good to develop home school links to enrich children's learning so please share news and any special events with us on tapestry. The children love to share their experiences with the rest of the class. We hope you are enjoying the snap shots of school life you receive and we welcome any comments to observations we post.

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Little Robins will be starting Forest School on a Friday morning, so we ask that the children bring wellies with them and wear clothing suitable for being outside. You are welcome to leave a spare pair of wellies at school if you wish. We will also continue with our Yoga sessions with Mrs Ellis on a Friday.

To provide a stimulating and engaging experience for the children there are many consumables that we use on a regular basis for example: rice, shaving foam, bubble bath, flour, soil etc. We would be grateful for any contributions or any other sensory materials you spot that think might be good for school.

We strongly believe that partnership with you is the key to quality education so please do be involved, feel free to ask questions, share concerns and celebrate success with us.

Looking forward to a happy, productive term ahead!

The Early Years Team

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