

Curriculum Information

Summer 2 Term 2026



This half term, we're diving into the wonderful world of animals and their habitats! The children will be enjoying lots of stories all about animals and will get hands-on with fun activities that explore where animals live, how they behave, and why their homes are so special. We can't wait to discover more about our furry, feathery, and scaly friends!

Clothing and Wellies – Let's Get Ready for Messy Fun!

Label, Label, Label!

Please make sure all your child's belongings are clearly labelled – that includes shoes, sun hats, water bottles... basically everything! It makes it so much easier for us to get lost items back to their rightful owner.



Spare Clothes

Every little explorer needs a backup outfit! Please pack a set of spare clothes in your child's bag. We love getting messy at nursery, and sometimes a quick change is needed after all the fun!

Wellies

Mud, puddles, paint, and more! Please send a pair of wellies for your child, which can stay at school for the term. They'll be perfect for all the wet and messy play!



Curriculum Contribution

To help us make learning extra tasty, hands-on, and fun, we ask for a small curriculum donation of £5 per term (autumn, spring, and summer). Your contribution helps us buy ingredients for cooking and tasting activities, gardening supplies, and extra resources for our exciting topics – think butterfly gardens, wormeries, and more!

Please send the donation in cash, in a sealed envelope with your child's name on it. Every little bit helps!

Summer Sun Safety

The sun is shining brighter, and we want everyone to stay safe while having fun! Please make sure your child comes to nursery with a named sun hat every day, and that sun cream is applied at home before they arrive.

Don't Forget Days!

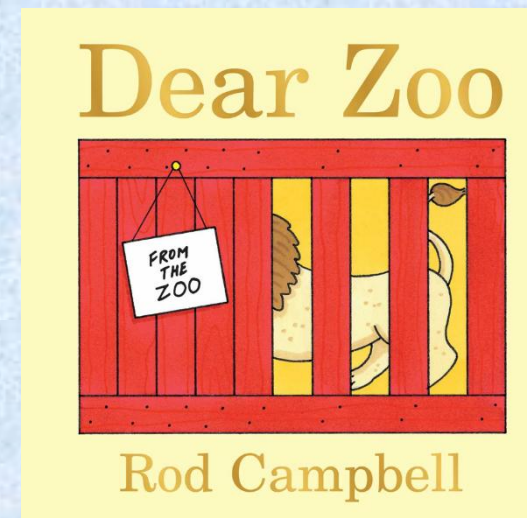
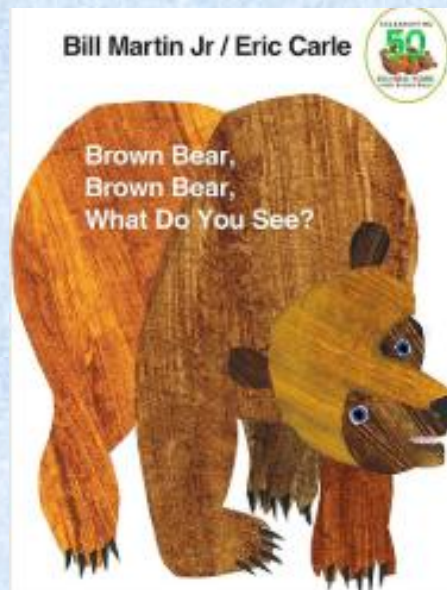
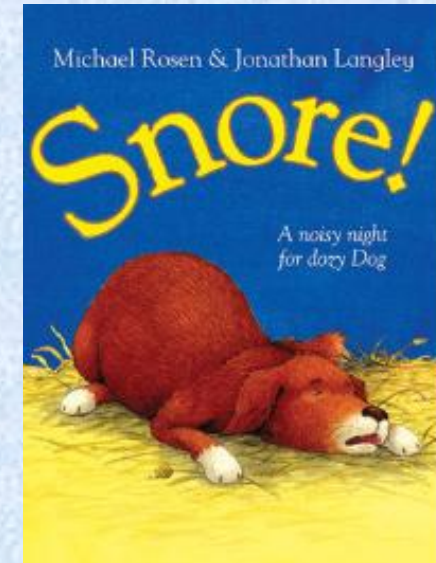
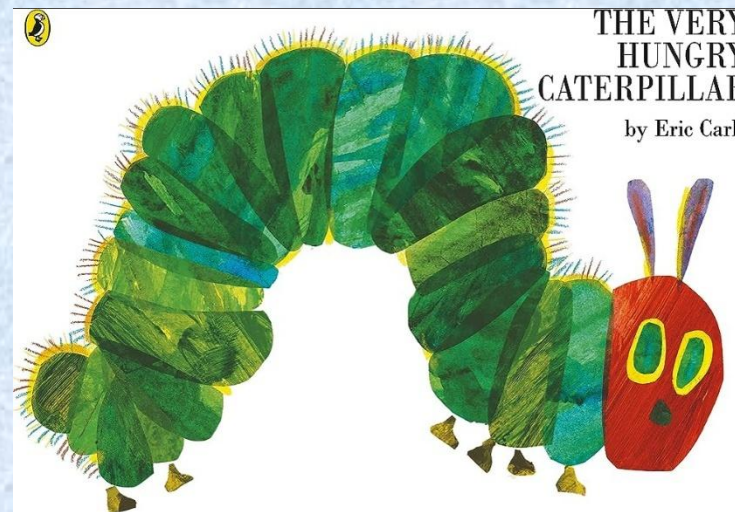
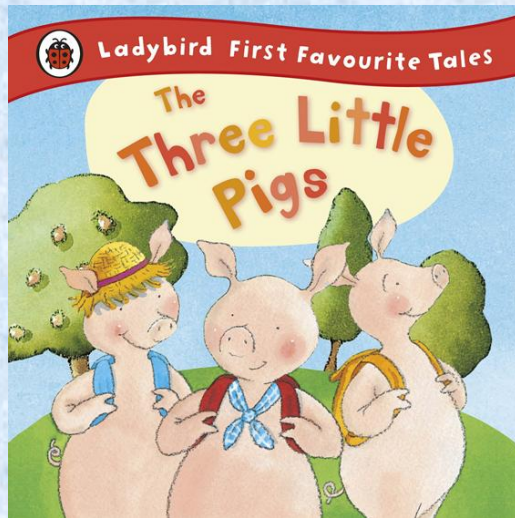
Friday is Library Day

Our little book lovers get to visit the library and pick out a new story each Friday! Please help your child remember to bring their book back by the following Friday. Books can be popped in the green box in the cloakroom.

Tuesday is PE Day

Tuesdays are all about moving, jumping, and having fun! Please send your child to nursery in their PE kit: a plain white t-shirt, black shorts or joggers, and trainers or pumps. That way, they're ready for all the action-packed activities we have planned!

This half-term, we'll be sharing these wonderful books during our daily story sessions. Through these stories, the children will discover new words, meet exciting characters, and bring the tales to life through role play and small-world play. They'll even re-enact and sequence parts of the story, turning reading into a fun, hands-on adventure!



Our learning will focus on developing skills across the Seven Areas of Learning and Development. Here's an overview of what we'll be exploring this term:

Prime Areas

Communication and Language

This half-term, the children will be busy talking, learning new words, and sharing ideas. Some of the exciting things we'll be exploring include:

- How to stay healthy, from tasty foods to good hygiene habits.
- All about animals – learning their names, how to care for them, and even how farmers look after their farm animals.
- Talking about summer safety, like wearing sun cream and hats, and remembering to drink plenty of water.



Physical Development

Our bodies will be busy too! The children will be:

- Taking part in our weekly PE sessions – this term's focus is on games.
- Joining in our 'Squiggle Whilst We Wiggle' sessions, which help get little hands ready for writing, alongside fun 'Funky Fingers' activities to strengthen fine motor skills.
- Sharing and chatting about their summer holiday plans, which is always a favourite!

Personal, Social and Emotional

This half-term, we'll be helping the children prepare for the exciting changes ahead, whether they are moving up to Reception or continuing in Nursery. We'll be:

- Talking about the transition to new classes for those moving to Reception, while also helping those staying in Nursery feel confident and happy in their familiar environment.
- Meeting new teachers and visiting classrooms for our future Reception starters, so they know what to expect.
- Sharing feelings and thoughts about the changes, helping everyone feel supported, reassured, and excited for the months ahead.

Specific Areas

Literacy

For children moving up to Reception:

This term, our Reception starters will continue with Set 2 Speed Sounds, and begin to read simple CVC words. They'll begin to write their name, using the letter formation rhymes in our reading scheme, Read Write Inc.

For children staying in Nursery:

Our little learners staying in Nursery will keep building important early literacy skills like sound discrimination, rhyming, voice sounds, and alliteration.

Mathematics

This term, we'll be:

- Experimenting with symbols and marks as well as numerals.
- Describing sequences of events, using words like first, next, and last.
- Talking about routes and locations, building our understanding of space and direction.
- Counting two groups of objects to find the total, discovering the magic of combining numbers.

Understanding the World

This term, we'll be:

- Talking about animal lifecycles, like how caterpillars hatch and transform into butterflies.



- Matching baby animals to their adult, discovering how animals grow and change.
- Observing and exploring shadows, and drawing around our own shadows.

Expressive Arts and Design

This term, we'll be:

- Printing with small blocks, sponges, fruit, shapes, and more – turning everyday objects into art!
- Learning colours – naming primary and secondary colours and discovering which primary colours mix to make new ones.
- Colour matching to fruit, for example, stamping orange for oranges, purple for grapes, etc.
- Getting hands-on with modelling clay as we create beautiful butterflies! We'll roll, pinch, and shape our own butterfly bodies and wings, and then add colourful patterns to make them truly unique.

