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Nursery Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Here is an overview of what will be happening in Nursery this half term.

Curriculum

Our half term topic is '**When will they hatch**' and the focus for this topic will be accessed in every area of our curriculum.

Literacy:

Pupils will have opportunities to listen to stories about animals and learn how long it takes for their young to hatch. The focus will begin with chicks as children will have an incubator in school and watch young chicks hatching. They will also explore the topic through fiction and non-fiction books. They will listen to stories and look at illustrations in books and pictures to encourage discussions. Early writing will also focus on the topic alongside letter formation. Our makaton story this half term is 'The Ugly Duckling.'

Maths:

Pupils will continue to develop their counting skills, number recognition and number formation.

Knowledge and Understanding of the world:

Pupils will learn about how living things lay eggs and how they hatch, such as frogs, hens, ducks. They will compare the different eggs that animals lay and how long they take to hatch. They will have the opportunity to explore growth as they plant spring flowers and bulbs and explore how they grow and change. Children will also learn what living things need to grow.

Expressive Art & Design:

Pupils will experience activities using natural materials such as making nests with straw and twigs and clay and sand. They will have the opportunity to make their own bird nests with straw and twigs. They will have tissue paper to make flowers and be able to paint flowers and plants.

Physical Development:

Pupils will join in with dancing, ring games and movements around growth during P.E. They will also engage in outdoor activities of their choice during child initiated learning.

Homework

- Number formation (1 – 10,)
- Counting objects.
- Add the missing number.
- Letter formation.
- Selecting pictures that start with a particular sound.
- Rhyming activities.

Kind regards,

Nursery Staff