

Nursery Newsletter

Spring Term 2



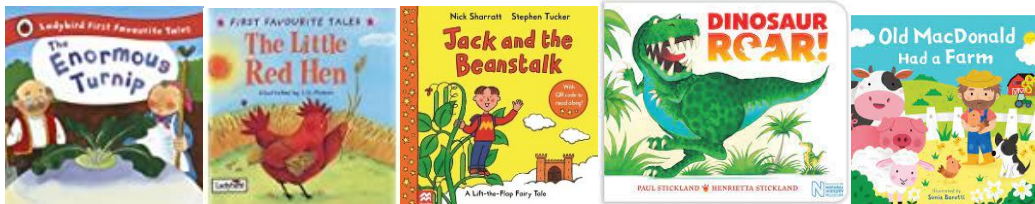
Dear Parents / Carers,

We look forward to another exciting term with lots of activities already planned. A big thank you to all our parents and children who have engaged with home learning on Tapestry. We are always delighted to be receiving your videos, photographs and comments so please continue to share your learning with us.

Our topic for the Spring 2 half term is **Mother Nature**. We will be focussing our learning around the key question - **Why do things change?** During this topic the children will have opportunities to learn about animals and plants and how these grow and change over time. The children will be given a range of real-life experiences to support their understanding of this concept, through observing animals, watching the life cycle of a chicken, planting bulbs and seeds and watching them grow.

British Science Week will be taking place this half term. This year's theme is *Time!* The children will be talking about what time means to them, how they tell the time, and how it differs from the way their parents or grandparents told the time. They will be looking at things that go very fast (the fastest animals, ways of travelling) or very slow (plants growing, building cities and large structures).

In literacy the children will continue to develop their vocabulary through the use of our key texts, where children will explore the meaning of new words and learn to use them when talking about what they have observed. Key texts that we will read this half term:



The children will also continue to develop their understanding of different communities and their traditions, focusing on the Christian celebration of Easter, this will allow children to compare how different festivals are celebrated.

How you can help your child:

- Talking about your environment, looking out for signs of new life, growth and change.
- Check Teams regularly, there will be ideas on how you can further support your child at home.
- Visiting farms, zoos, garden centres offers so many incredible learning opportunities for children.

The Nursery Team

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Phase Leader:
Ms Stefanie Reay

If you have any questions or concerns, please approach your child's class teacher or a key person.

Dates for this term's educational Visits

As part of our topic **Mother Nature**, Nursery will be visited by the Ark Education Mobile Farm on **Wednesday 27th March**. It will be a great opportunity for the children to learn about and interact with a variety of friendly farm animals. Children will have the chance to stroke the animals, aiding their sensory development, identifying the animals and the unique sounds they make. Interacting with animals will give children the opportunity to learn how to be gentle and responsible for others.

PE Days

Cuba, Antigua Full Time & AM: Thursday

Antigua Full Time & PM: Tuesday



Reading

Brampton Primary School is a 'Love of Reading School', so please ensure that your child has their library book in their **book bag** on the appropriate day.

Antigua Full Time & AM: Tuesday

Antigua PM: Monday

Cuba: Friday

Children must keep their library book at home until their next visit as we do not have the opportunity to change them other than on our designated day.

Reading Records with books should be returned every **Wednesday**.



Curriculum This term's topic: **Mother Nature – Why do things change?**

C&L - Children will continue to build up their vocabulary that reflects the breadth of their experiences. They will be encouraged to learn to listen carefully, to develop concentration, to respond to questions and instructions, to share ideas and experiences and to take part in conversations.

PSED - Children will be encouraged to develop positive relationships, to play with a variety of friends and to understand the feelings of others.

PD - This half term we will be focusing on dance – moving freely with pleasure and confidence in a range of ways. We will be learning to hold a pencil between a thumb and two fingers through lots of fine motor activities and mark making practise.

Literacy - The children will continue learning the RWI Set 1 sounds. They will learn to form recognisable letters for their name, for example when writing Easter cards. Children will practise oral blending skills.

Maths - Our focus will be on number – children will continue to subitise up to five items and practise counting forwards, and backwards, accurately using the counting principles. They will learn to represent up to ten objects on a ten frame. The children will be introduced to the concept of height and show how their height compares with the size of other objects around them.

UW - We will focus on our outdoor environment – getting to know the features of the garden area, seeing the changes over the term. The children will be learning about the life cycle of a chicken.

EAD - We will continue to focus on cutting and scissor skills. Children will be using a variety of resources to create props to re-enact well-known stories and to make up their own stories.