What are we learning?

Key Themes

- Pets
- Spring
- Easter
- Change
- Keeping Healthy

Communication and Language

- Understand why listening is important
- Maintain attention in different contexts
- Keep play going in response to the ideas of others and
- engage in conversation relevant to play theme
- Use speech to resolve problems with adult support
- Ask questions
- Speak in full sentences
- Talk with a partner in back and forth conversation
- Learn rhymes, poems and songs
- Engage in story times and non-fiction books
- Learn and use new vocabulary
- Participate in small group, class and one-to-one discussions, offering their own ideas, using recently introduced vocabulary
- Retell/create stories in their own words and for teacher scribing
- Begin to connect one idea or action to another and use simple conjunctions 'and', 'because'

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Key Texts:





Key Experiences

- Show and Tell talk about a pet you have, or a pet you'd like
- A vet visit
- Spotting signs of spring at forest school
- Celebrating Easter-egg hunt
- Vets- Role play
- Visit to Derby Open Centre-Cathedral, Synagogue visit
- The Lost Cats of Buxton Workshop

Maths

- Recall bonds to numbers within 5
- Represent 9 and 10 in different ways
- Use 10 frames, fingers and bead strings to subitise groups of 9 and 10
- Make comparisons by lining items up with 1:1 correspondence
- Understand one more/one less relationship between consecutive numbers within 10
- Compare quantities to 10 using the language of more than, less than, fewer than
- Explore composition of 9 and 10
- Explore number bonds to 10
- Continue, copy and create repeating patterns
- Measures- compare different amounts, estimate and predict, investigate balance using balance pans to compare weight
- Simple cookery- making playdough, chocolate nests
- Begin to use non-standard units- cotton reels to calculate mass, use pulley to lift loads

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Personal, Social and Emotional Development

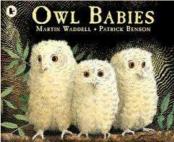
This term in PSHE Matters scheme, our theme is 'Change.'

- I understand that I need to exercise to keep my body healthy
- I understand how moving and resting are good for my body
- I know which foods are healthy and not so healthy and can make healthy eating choices.
- I know how to help myself go to sleep and understand why sleep is good for me
- I can wash my hands thoroughly and understand why this is important especially before I eat and after I go to the toilet
- Be confident to try new activities and show independence, resilience, and perseverance in the face of challenge such as change.
- Understand the effect of changing seasons on the natural world around them.

Other

Managing own dressing and undressing



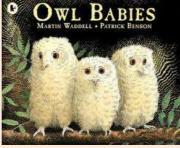


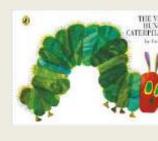
Understanding the World

- Explore the natural world around them
- Describe what they see, hear and feel whilst outside
- Understand the effect of changing seasons on the natural world around
- Make observations and draw pictures of animals and plants in the natural world around them
- Notice signs of spring

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- Learn about the lifecycles of animals
- Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and life-cycles
- Begin to develop an awareness of what different animals need.
- To begin to develop knowledge of how to care for other living creatures and what they need to survive and thrive- incubate chicks
- Continue to develop respect for other living creatures and the natural environment
- People, culture and communities-find out about the Bible and the Jewish Toran
- Special Stories-listen to stories from both religions, role play





Physical Development

- Continue to develop their fine motor skills so that they can
- Use a range of tools competently, safely, and confidently: pencils for drawing and writing, paintbrushes, scissors, knives, forks, and spoons.
- Development of threading, weaving, and cutting skills.
- Hold pencil effectively and comfortably using the tripod grip in almost all cases to effectively form recognisable letters.
- Begin to form clear ascenders and descenders.
- Develop the overall body strength, co-ordination, balance, and agility needed to engage successfully with future physical education sessions and other physical disciplines including dance, gymnastics, sport, and swimming.
- Know and talk about the different factors that support their overall health and wellbeing: regular physical activity, healthy eating, toothbrushing, sensible amounts of 'screen time', having a good sleep routine

Literacy

- Listen and enjoy sharing and joining in with a wide range of books, poems and songs
- Suggest how an unfamiliar story read aloud to them might end
- Give a simple opinion on a book they have read, when prompted
- Play influenced by experience of books
- Say a phoneme for the following graphemes: j, v, w, x, z, zz, qu ch, sh, th, ng, ai, ee, igh, oa, oo, ar,
- Read words containing the above GPCs with increased automaticity
- Spell to write VC and CVC words independently using Phase 2 and phase 3 graphemes
- Consolidate knowledge of Phase 2 and 3 common exception words in reading and writing
- Read simple captions and sentences made up of known GPCs and common exception words
- Hold a pencil effectively to form recognisable letters
- Form most lower-case letters correctly
- Begin to form capital letters correctly
- Begin to write simple phrases and sentences that can be read by others
- Regularly use finger spaces when writing more than one word
- Begin to demarcate sentences with capital letters and full stops



EAD

- Represent ideas in different ways: printing, collage, drawing, painting, modelling
- Explore a range of malleable materials including clay, plasticine, playdough
- Notice changes in the environment and represent them in the form of a landscape picture
- Paint spring landscapes
- Combine different media and skills.
- Create creatures out of a single piece of clay to support minimal breakage in the drying process
- Invent, adapt and recount narratives and stories with peers and teacher
- Use props to retell stories and re-enact events
- Create collaboratively sharing ideas, resources, and skills
- Sing a range of well-known nursery rhymes and songs including It Old MacDonald; Incy Wincy Spider; Baa Baa Black Sheep; Row, Row, Row Your Boat; The Wheels on the Bus and The Hokey Cokey