

The Big Question this term is...

What grows in our garden?



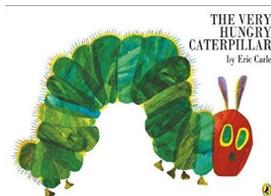
In Literacy we will be focusing on writing speech bubbles, saying what we can do at nursery. This will be the start to the introduction of the tricky words that the children will be learning in Reception.

We will also be listening to the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Jack and The Beanstalk and The Tiny Seed.

The children will be asked lots of questions about the stories to ensure they have a good understanding of: who is in the story, what happened in the story and where the story took place.

The children will continue to practise writing their name and extend their skills of writing captions during Discovery time.

As part of our Big Question the children will have first hand experience of growing plants and observing the lifecycle of a butterfly. Look out for our butterfly house. During this time we will be able to use the skills we have learnt to label plants and the different stages of the butterfly lifecycle. We will also be visiting our very own secret garden.



In maths we will be securing our knowledge of numbers 1-5 and beyond. This will be done through a range of fun activities which will involve ordering numbers, counting objects and finding the matching number, exploring different ways to make the number, looking for numbers in the environment and various other activities. We will also be looking at similarities in shapes within our world.

You can help your child at home by counting how many steps are in the home, counting the tins in the cupboard, looking for numbers in the environment on your journey to and from school. You could also play a game of hide and seek with your child and talk about where you found them, e.g. I found you. You were hiding under the bed.

In phonics the children will continue to enhance their listening and early reading skills through a range of activities.

You can help your child at home by: encouraging them to listen to sounds they can hear in the environment., watching and singing the jolly phonics song on you tube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OfSQIrh92s4> and singing lots of nursery rhymes.

Dates to remember!

Monday 6th May: The start of Ramadan

Monday 6th May: Bank Holiday-School Closed

Well done to all the parents and carers who emailed me a picture of their child in the garden. You can still email your pictures to me at: kcampbell@oldmoat.manchester.sch.uk

Your children love story times at school and many of them enjoy looking at books independently. We challenge you to read to your children for 10 minutes every night! It would be great to see a picture of you and your child reading at home.

Reading for fun