



What a Wonderful World!

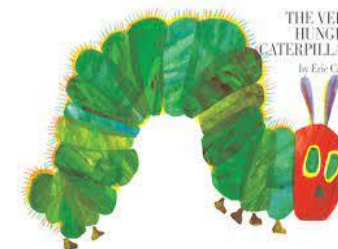
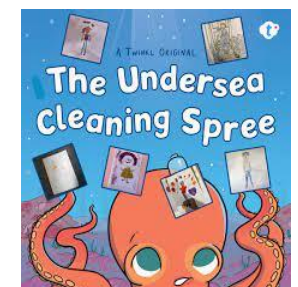
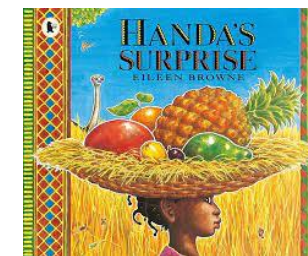
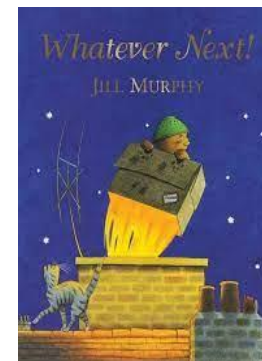
Summer Term 1
2023-2024



During the Summer Term, our first topic is 'What a Wonderful World'. To begin with, we will be learning all about where we live. To do this we will use Google Earth to start at school and then zoom all the way out to space, discussing what we can see along the way including key landmarks and cities as well as what we think the different colours and shapes we can see represent. One of our favourite books to read this half term is 'Whatever Next' where we get to venture to space and learn all about the planets, stars, moons and more! Not only do we learn about the world, but we will also be comparing similarities and difference between where we live and other countries. We will be learning all about animals and their habitats including creatures who live under the sea as well as learning all about the life cycle of a butterfly. We are hoping to get our very own caterpillars to enable us to observe the key features of a butterfly life cycle and help us to begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things.

Key Texts:

- Handa's Surprise
- Lost and Found
- How to Catch a Star
 - Whatever Next!
 - Tiddler
- The Snail and the Whale
- The Undersea Cleaning Spree
- The Very Hungry Caterpillar





Foundation for Phonics

Little Wandle Phonics Scheme

At Aragon, we use the Little Wandle Phonics Scheme across the school. Little Wandle have created a 'Foundations for Phonics' which contributes to children's communication, language and literacy skills in Nursery.

In Nursery, one of the most important aspects we focus on is developing an awareness of sound. We aim to provide activities and small group sessions that focus on listening and attention skills in order to support children's development in Nursery.

Throughout our Phonics sessions, we will be practising tuning into sounds by focussing on the initial sounds of words as well as oral blending to develop our awareness of sounds and early reading.

Another game we love to play in nursery is 'What's In The Box?' This game is easy to organise if you wish to play this at home! The children love trying to remember the different objects in the box that begin with the same sound.

How to play: **What's in the box?**

Our sound of the week is /p/. Practise pronouncing the sound /p/ - Bring your lips together, push them open and say p p p.

Have a small box with either pictures or objects that all begin with a /p/.



- Penguin
- Pencil
- Pizza
- Peg



One by one, pull the object out of the box.

"In by box I have a penguin. What sound does penguin begin with?"

Repeat this process until all the objects are out of the box. Can they name any other objects that begin with a /p/?





Communication & Language

Our aim this half term is to continue to enhance our areas further in nursery to support children's speaking and listening skills. We will do this through our home corner, role play areas both inside and outside, as well as modelling language to the children.

Within this unit, the topics are quite abstract for the children. Therefore through the use of stories, pictures and language we will broaden their vocabulary. The environment in Nursery will support their communication skills further.

During our carpet sessions and through our play, we will be continuing to develop our listening and attention skills as well as singing a wide range of familiar songs.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be encouraging children to develop their independence with toileting, washing hands, and putting on/taking off their coats. Children will be encouraged to develop their sharing and turn taking with their peers when playing. We will continue to do our daily emotional check ins and discussing the reasons we might be feeling a certain way.

During this half term, we will be having lots of new friends join us in Nursery! We are very excited to get to know them and welcome them to our Nursery as well as teaching them all the key rules and routines we follow in Nursery. Our Topic this half term allows us to understand how important it is to look after ourselves and the world around us and how we can successfully do this.



Physical Development

We are always busy in Nursery developing both our gross motor and fine motor skills.

We will be using all of our PE equipment outside to set up a range of physical activities for the children to explore. These include balancing, throwing and jumping.

We have our 'funky fingers' station in Nursery which is set up with activities that will support the children's development of their fine motor skills. These activities include threading, using tweezers and lots more!

We are lucky to have the opportunity this half term to have a Tennis coach from Wimbledon Junior Tennis Initiative to come into Nursery and teach 30-minute Tennis session to all of the children.



Literacy

During our carpet sessions, we will continue to build on our Foundations for Phonics by following our Little Wandle scheme of work. We will be introducing new sounds and encouraging the children to independently listen and identify the initial sounds of different objects.

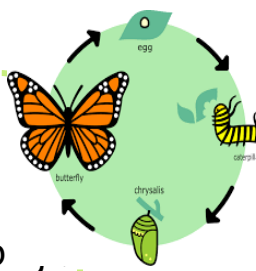
This half term, we are introducing daily name writing to support the children who are moving to Reception in the Autumn Term. We will work on pencil grip and forming letter shapes that they see in their name.

We will be reading a range of key texts that will enhance our Topic as well as continuing to provide different opportunities for children to access a range of mark making materials.



Understanding the World

This Topic enables us to explore the world we live in through various avenues. During our sessions, we will be looking at maps of our local area, parks and the world. We will also be looking at how we can care for our world and the creatures that live on it. The children will be taught all about the key features of a butterfly life cycle and will get to explore this through their own observations.



Expressive Arts and Design

With a continued focus on communication, we will continue to have regularly updated role play and small world areas for the children to explore and develop their imaginary play skills. The children will be encouraged to take on different roles and develop a storyline within their play.

We will be continuing with our daily rhyme time and familiar songs that are embedded within our routines at Nursery. We will also be learning 'There's a tiny caterpillar on a leaf' song and performing this to our Parents/Carers via SeeSaw.

The children will have a range of opportunities to get creative by making their own planets and rockets out of junk modelling and a range of creative resources.

Maths

This half term we will be consolidating our knowledge of numbers to 5 by singing a range of number rhymes, using our fingers to identify amounts, subitising and practising our counting skills. We will begin to learn how to solve real life problems using basic addition and subtraction. We will be using concrete resources to support our understanding of this.

