

## Summer Term 2021 in Ducklings - 1st Half Term

Our theme this half-term will be:

### Out and About (in the garden)

DATE	ACTIVITIES
<b>13<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>(4 days)</b>	<p><b><u>Settling Back in / Changes in Springtime</u></b></p> <p>We will be walking around the school grounds looking for signs of Spring. We will be talking about the things that we can see and taking pictures of them.</p> <p><b><u>Helping your child's learning</u></b></p> <p>If you could talk about Springtime and look in your own gardens for signs of Spring this will aid the children's understanding of the world around them.</p>
<b>19<sup>th</sup> April</b> (St. George's day 23 <sup>rd</sup> )	<p><b><u>Frogs, tadpoles and frogspawn</u></b></p> <p>We will be checking our pond area for frogspawn or tadpoles. We will collect some to keep in the classroom to watch, before returning them to the pond. We will talk about what we can see in the water and sequence the lifecycle of a frog.</p> <p>Letter of the week - W for water</p> <p><b><u>Helping your child's learning</u></b></p> <p>Think about other mini beasts that may live in water. What are their names? what do they look like?</p>
<b>26<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<p><b><u>Planting and growing in the garden</u></b></p> <p>We will be planting some sunflower seeds and some beans or peas. Our focus texts this week are 'Tilda's Seed' and 'Jasper's Beanstalk.'</p> <p>Letter of the week - G for growing and garden</p> <p><b><u>Helping your child's learning</u></b></p> <p>If you or your family have any spare seeds for planting at Nursery they would be very welcome. Old empty seed packets would also be useful to add to our Garden Centre role play area.</p>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> May</b> <b>4 days</b> <b>because of</b> <b>Bank holiday</b> <b>Monday</b>	<p><b><u>Snails and worms</u></b></p> <p>During the week we will be looking for snails and worms in our Nursery garden and hope to build a simple snail environment in a tank. We will also make some clay snails of our own.</p> <p>Letter of the week - U for underground</p> <p><b><u>Helping your child's learning</u></b></p> <p>If you can find them, we would be delighted to receive donations of snails for our snail habitat. With your child, look closely and talk about the different parts of a snail.</p>

<p><b>10<sup>th</sup> May</b></p>	<p><b><u>Caterpillars and butterflies</u></b>          We will find out how caterpillars turn into butterflies and do lots of "caterpillar counting". We will read some caterpillar stories. (The Crunching, Munching Caterpillar and The Very Hungry Caterpillar.)          Letter of the week - B for butterfly  <b><u>Helping your child's learning</u></b>          Help your child to find pictures of beautiful and unusual butterflies and bring them in.</p>
<p><b>17<sup>th</sup> May</b></p>	<p><b><u>Ants and beetles</u></b>          We will find out about ants and beetles that we might find in our gardens. We will ask questions about them, such as, where do they live? Are they good or bad for our gardens? What do they look like? Are there different types of ants and beetles?          Letter of the week A for ant.  <b><u>Helping your child's learning</u></b>          Can you find any ants or beetles in your garden at home?</p>
<p><b>24<sup>th</sup> May</b></p>	<p><b><u>Garden Party</u></b>          We will finish this half-term by preparing food and making head-dresses for our own Garden Party.          Letter of the week - I for insects  <b><u>Helping your child's learning</u></b>          We would like the children to wear a bright, mini beast-themed outfit or flower/plant outfit to our Garden Party. This could be anything from a pair of wings to a spotty or stripy T-shirt. All outfits need to be suitable for playing outdoors. More details nearer the time.</p>

Please send your child to school PE ready. This means that they will need to come dressed in navy blue joggers/leggings or shorts depending on the temperature, with a white t-shirt and trainers. (please make sure that your child has a track suit top or school cardigan/jumper in case it is a bit chilly outside).

PE ready days - Tuesdays for morning and all day children  
 - Thursdays for afternoon and all day children.

Therefore, all day children will need to come PE ready on both these days.