

Welcome to the start of the summer term at Little Willows Nursery. Detailed below are the seven areas of learning from the curriculum guidance for the EYFS and the types of adult-led learning opportunities that will happen this half term. These opportunities will be enhanced by children's emerging interests.

PERSONAL, SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT-INSPIRING CONSIDERATION

We will be using the stories of Peter Rabbit as a catalyst for our learning during the first half of the term. We will be considering the different scenarios that are presented within the texts and thinking about cause and effect and the feelings of characters in relation to these stories. We will also have the opportunity to talk about different animals and how to care for them.

How you can help.....Try some of the fruits and vegetables that feature in Mr McGregor's garden; discuss those that the children like or dislike.

COMMUNICATION & LANGUAGE –INSPIRING COMMUNICATION

We will play 'hide and seek' with Peter Rabbit and his friends; locating them in different locations and using vocabulary to explain where we have found them. We will build vocabulary banks relating to Beatrix Potter animals and include these in our communications.

How you can help.....Choose an animal from a Beatrix Potter book: rabbit, duck, hedgehog, kitten, mouse and think of words to describe the animal.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT –INSPIRING COLLABORATION

We will continue to provide daily opportunities for children to practise and refine their fine and gross motor skills both indoors and out. Our dough disco sessions form part of this provision.

During our PE sessions we will be building up skills and practising team games ready for our mini sports day.

How you can help...Continue to support children in building up their fine motor control with activities that develop a pincer grip: play with more resistant materials such as plastecine or stiff dough; threading pasta onto a straw, pegging up clothes in the garden and manipulating small objects.

LITTLE WILLOWS Nursery

LITERACY –INSPIRING COMMUNICATION

We will be exploring a range of fiction and non-fiction texts; finding out information about animals of interest. We will have opportunities to re-tell the story and to sequence Peter's journey through the garden. Children will have a range of creative writing opportunities: creating storybooks, writing labels for the garden and composing letters to Mr. McGregor!

How you can help....Take a visit to the library to find books about animals from the stories. Ask your child questions about the stories that you read such as: Can you guess what will happen next? Which is their favourite part of the story? Can you tell me about the characters in the book? Continue to practise writing children's names. If you would like a name card to practise with at home then, please ask. Please remember to practise a capital letter for the first letter in your name.

MATHEMATICAL DEVELOPMENT-INSPIRING COMMITMENT

We will continue to build upon our existing number knowledge and begin to look at how we can represent number using fingers, marks on paper and pictures. We will be counting out and solving calculation problems using vegetables and finding out which vegetables we like the most by making a graph.

How you can help....Take every opportunity to look for and talk about shapes and patterns in nature.

UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD-INSPIRING CURIOSITY

Woodland Nursery: We will be learning about our woodland environment; talking about the changing seasons and habitats. We will look for signs of animals that live in our woodland, build secret rabbit burrows and homes for woodland animals.

We will be exploring different types of vegetables, planting seeds and nurturing them.

How you can help....Inspire your little gardeners and take a visit to a garden centre or visit a vegetable garden and discover the plants. Have a look at: www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org to find out about upcoming family events. Can you spy any signs of animals that may visit your garden?

EXPRESSIVE ART & DESIGN- INSPIRING CREATIVITY & CRAFTSMANSHIP

We will be engaging in lots of role play including: Mr McGregor's garden, a garden centre and farm shop. We will look at the art studies of Beatrix Potter and use these as inspiration for our own masterpieces. Alongside this we will be learning lots of new songs and exploring the use of instruments to accompany these.

How you can help...Can you use a variety of materials to create a drawing, painting or collage of a flower from your garden? Or perhaps you would like to experiment with vegetable printing.

