

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to start our new topic – **“The Very Hungry Caterpillar”!**

This half term, the children will continue our work on plants and explore the life cycle of a butterfly and plants. We will also have some caterpillars joining the nursery and we will be learning how to look after them and watch the process of metamorphosis. We will also learn about Sikhs and Muslims. Learning will cover all areas of the Early Years Foundation Stage.

Prime Areas

Communication and Language – Listen for key story details, answer “why” and “how” questions, use longer sentences, take turns in conversation.

Physical Development – Throwing, catching, and moving safely with balls; developing gross and fine motor skills.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development – Learning about families and making friends, healthy habits and exercise, building confidence and teamwork.

Specific Areas

Understanding the World – Plants, minibeasts and animals; where animals live and how they protect their homes; caring for the environment; learning about Sikhs and St Georges Day.

Literacy – The Very Hungry Caterpillar, animal descriptions, letters; sentence structure, fact files, story sequencing. Writing an invitation to a party.

Mathematics – 2D and 3D shapes, Sequencing – Nursery rhymes, nursery school day, positional language – describing where objects are and developing an understanding of more and fewer – comparing quantities.

Expressive Arts and Design explore the patterns and shapes on butterflies, create butterfly patterns, and discuss symmetry and looking at and recreating the works of Giuseppe Arcimboldo; songs, rhythms, short performances, imaginative play.

You can support your child at home by reading stories, talking about plants, minibeasts and animals, practising writing, drawing, and being active.

We look forward to a fun and exciting half term!

Kind regards,

The Nursery Team