

<p>Literacy</p> <p>Key Texts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Very Hungry Caterpillar • Jack and the Beanstalk • Little Bee • What the Ladybird Heard • Goodnight Frog • Earth Day <p>Additional Texts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jasper's Beanstalk • Little Ladybird • The Big Wide-Mouthed Frog • Counting with a Ladybird • Who's on the Farm? • Sam Plants a Sunflower • Save the Bees <p>Rhymes and Songs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 Little Ducks • The Seed Song • 5 Little Speckled Frogs • Wiggly Woo • The Very Hungry Caterpillar • There's a Worm at the Bottom of the Garden • Ladybird Ladybird, Fly Away Home! 	<p>Maths</p> <p>Children will explore the concepts of volume and weight using a variety of containers and tools. They'll count spoonfuls to discover how much water different containers can hold, and use scales to compare and measure weight. Through hands-on experimentation, they'll develop early mathematical thinking and problem-solving skills in a fun and meaningful way.</p>	<p>Parental Engagement Opportunities and Dates</p> <p>Local trip to the Prom to explore different plants and wildlife</p> <p>Sports Day</p> <p>Stay and Play Dates TBC</p>	<p>Prime Areas</p> <p>Communication & Language:</p> <p>We'll begin to explore a variety of phonics sounds and learn how they form the building blocks of spoken language. Children will start to understand that these sounds carry meaning and are essential for communication, laying the foundation for confident reading and speaking.</p> <p>Personal, Social and Emotional Development:</p> <p>Children will deepen their understanding of the community they live in and the living things that share it. Through exploring what plants and minibeasts need to survive, they'll learn how to care for them with growing independence and responsibility. These experiences will help foster empathy, respect, and a sense of care and responsibility for all living things in their environment.</p> <p>Physical Development:</p> <p>Children will have access to a variety of physical equipment to help them explore different ways of moving and travelling. Climbing frames will support the development of foot coordination and upper body strength, while large group games—like <i>What's the Time, Mr Wolf?</i>—will help build teamwork, listening skills, and confidence in active play.</p>
<p>Term Five – Watch Me Growing</p> <p>This term, we'll discover how plants grow from seeds, exploring each stage of their life cycle. We'll also learn about different insects and how they grow and change over time. Through hands-on experiences, we'll find out why plants, insects, and animals are important for our world and how they help provide the food we eat. Our journey through spring will continue as we observe the wonders of the natural world all around us.</p>			
	<p>Understanding the World:</p> <p>We will be looking at seeds and how they grow. We will explore different plants and seeds and the different stages of growth. We will also explore different insects and their life cycles.</p>	<p>Expressive Arts and Design:</p> <p>We will be exploring the artist, Vincent Van Gogh.</p> <p>We will look at still painting and different environment to be artists. We will use natural resources to paint, and mark make. We will explore water paints and being able to paint with different materials such as mud.</p>	

EYFS Development Matters Statements – Three and Four Year Olds Prime Areas

Communication and Language

- Enjoy listening to longer stories and can remember much of what happens.
- Pay attention to more than one thing at a time, which can be difficult.
- Use a wider range of vocabulary.
- Understand a question or instruction that has two parts, such as "Get your coat and wait at the door".
- Understand 'why' questions, like: "Why do you think the caterpillar got so fat?"
- Sing a large repertoire of songs.
- Know many rhymes, be able to talk about familiar books, and be able to tell a long story.
- Develop their communication, but may continue to have problems with irregular tenses and plurals, such as 'runned' for 'ran', 'swimmed' for 'swam'.
- Develop their pronunciation but may have problems saying:
 - some sounds: r, j, th, ch, and sh
 - multisyllabic words such as 'pterodactyl', 'planetarium' or 'hippopotamus'
- Use longer sentences of four to six words.
- Be able to express a point of view and to debate when they disagree with an adult or a friend, using words as well as actions.
- Start a conversation with an adult or a friend and continue it for many turns.
- Use talk to organise themselves and their play: "Let's go on a bus... you sit there... I'll be the driver."

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Select and use activities and resources, with help when needed. This helps them to achieve a goal they have chosen, or one which is suggested to them.
- Develop their sense of responsibility and membership of a community.
- Become more outgoing with unfamiliar people, in the safe context of their setting.
- Show more confidence in new social situations.
- Play with one or more other children, extending and elaborating play ideas.
- Find solutions to conflicts and rivalries. For example, accepting that not everyone can be Spider-Man in the game, and suggesting other ideas.
- Increasingly follow rules, understanding why they are important.
- Remember rules without needing an adult to remind them.
- Develop appropriate ways of being assertive.
- Talk with others to solve conflicts.
- Talk about their feelings using words like 'happy', 'sad', 'angry' or 'worried'.
- Understand gradually how others might be feeling.
- Be increasingly independent in meeting their own care needs, e.g. brushing teeth, using the toilet, washing and drying their hands thoroughly.
- Make healthy choices about food, drink, activity and toothbrushing.

Physical Development

- Continue to develop their movement, balancing, riding (scooters, trikes and bikes) and ball skills.
- Go up steps and stairs, or climb up apparatus, using alternate feet.
- Skip, hop, stand on one leg and hold a pose for a game like musical statues.
- Use large-muscle movements to wave flags and streamers, paint and make marks.
- Start taking part in some group activities which they make up for themselves, or in teams.
- Increasingly be able to use and remember sequences and patterns of movements which are related to music and rhythm.
- Match their developing physical skills to tasks and activities in the setting. For example, they decide whether to crawl, walk or run across a plank, depending on its length and width.
- Choose the right resources to carry out their own plan. For example, choosing a spade to enlarge a small hole they dug with a trowel.
- Collaborate with others to manage large items, such as moving a long plank safely, carrying large hollow blocks.
- Use one-handed tools and equipment, for example, making snips in paper with scissors.
- Use a comfortable grip with good control when holding pens and pencils.
- Show a preference for a dominant hand.
- Be increasingly independent as they get dressed and undressed, for example, putting coats on and doing up zips.

EYFS Development Matters Statements – Three and Four Year Olds Specific Areas

Literacy

- Understand the five key concepts about print:
 - print has meaning
 - print can have different purposes
 - we read English text from left to right and from top to bottom
 - the names of the different parts of a book
 - page sequencing
- Develop their phonological awareness, so that they can:
 - spot and suggest rhymes
 - count or clap syllables in a word
 - recognise words with the same initial sound, such as money and mother
- Engage in extended conversations about stories, learning new vocabulary.
- Use some of their print and letter knowledge in their early writing. For example: writing a pretend shopping list that starts at the top of the page; writing 'm' for mummy.
- Write some or all of their name.
- Write some letters accurately.

Mathematics

- Develop fast recognition of up to 3 objects, without having to count them individually ('subitising').
- Recite numbers past 5.
- Say one number for each item in order: 1,2,3,4,5.
- Know that the last number reached when counting a small set of objects tells you how many there are in total ('cardinal principle').
- Show 'finger numbers' up to 5.
- Link numerals and amounts: for example, showing the right number of objects to match the numeral, up to 5.
- Experiment with their own symbols and marks as well as numerals.
- Solve real world mathematical problems with numbers up to 5.
- Compare quantities using language: 'more than', 'fewer than'.
- Talk about and explore 2D and 3D shapes (for example, circles, rectangles, triangles and cuboids) using informal and mathematical language: 'sides', 'corners', 'straight', 'flat', 'round'.
- Understand position through words alone – for example, "The bag is under the table," – with no pointing.
- Describe a familiar route.
- Discuss routes and locations, using words like 'in front of' and 'behind'.
- Make comparisons between objects relating to size, length, weight and capacity.
- Select shapes appropriately: flat surfaces for building, a triangular prism for a roof etc.
- Combine shapes to make new ones – an arch, a bigger triangle etc.
- Talk about and identifies the patterns around them. For example: stripes on clothes, designs on rugs and wallpaper. Use informal language like 'pointy', 'spotty', 'blobs' etc.
- Extend and create ABAB patterns – stick, leaf, stick, leaf.
- Notice and correct an error in a repeating pattern.
- Begin to describe a sequence of events, real or fictional, using words such as 'first', 'then...'

Understanding the World

- Use all their senses in hands-on exploration of natural materials.
- Explore collections of materials with similar and/or different properties.
- Talk about what they see, using a wide vocabulary.
- Begin to make sense of their own life-story and family's history.
- Show interest in different occupations.
- Explore how things work.
- Plant seeds and care for growing plants.
- Understand the key features of the life cycle of a plant and an animal.
- Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things.
- Explore and talk about different forces they can feel.
- Talk about the differences between materials and changes they notice.
- Continue developing positive attitudes about the differences between people.
- Know that there are different countries in the world and talk about the differences they have experienced or seen in photos.

Expressive Arts and Design

- Take part in simple pretend play, using an object to represent something else even though they are not similar.
- Begin to develop complex stories using small world equipment like animal sets, dolls and dolls houses etc.
- Make imaginative and complex 'small worlds' with blocks and construction kits, such as a city with different buildings and a park.
- Explore different materials freely, to develop their ideas about how to use them and what to make.
- Develop their own ideas and then decide which materials to use to express them.
- Join different materials and explore different textures.
- Create closed shapes with continuous lines, and begin to use these shapes to represent objects.
- Draw with increasing complexity and detail, such as representing a face with a circle and including details.
- Use drawing to represent ideas like movement or loud noises.
- Show different emotions in their drawings and paintings, like happiness, sadness, fear etc.
- Explore colour and colour-mixing.
- Listen with increased attention to sounds.
- Respond to what they have heard, expressing their thoughts and feelings.
- Remember and sing entire songs.
- Sing the pitch of a tone sung by another person ('pitch match').
- Sing the melodic shape (moving melody, such as up and down, down and up) of familiar songs.
- Create their own songs or improvise a song around one they know.
- Play instruments with increasing control to express their feelings and ideas.