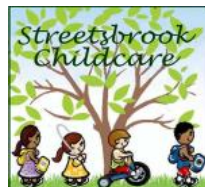


W/C:	Theme/Main Focus:
23.02.26	Head, shoulders, knees and toes
02.03.26	Round and round the garden
09.03.26	The very hungry caterpillar
16.03.26	The very hungry caterpillar
23.03.26	The very hungry caterpillar



Curriculum Overview for Parents
Little Stars
Spring 2 - Changes As I Grow

Personal, Social and Emotional

The children will be continuing to develop our turn taking skills and playing with our peers; adults will support and model play and join in. We will be discussing how we can keep our minds and body healthy, focusing on oral hygiene, exploring why we need to keep our teeth clean and how. Children will also look at how caterpillars grow and change over time and we will also look at how we grow and change and how we are all different. Children will be exploring emotions, naming the different ones they may feel and giving reasons for these feelings. The Nurture principle for this half term is 'we understand that behaviour tells us how you are feeling.'

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be putting into practice our creative skills as we explore and discover what happens when we mix different colours of paint, we will then use these in our masterpieces. Children will be given musical instruments to use and explore the different sounds they can make, as well as exploring how other objects can make sounds and we will play listening games

Communication & Language

Children will be encouraged to join in with singing our songs and copying actions for these as well as repeating familiar words and phrases from our story. We will continue to explore descriptive and functional language with staff modelling simple sentences which the children will be encouraged to use. Children will develop their ability to link more words together. The children will explore the life cycles of a caterpillar and we will introduce and practice using new vocabulary that we have learnt such as caterpillar and chrysalis. Children will be encouraged to ask questions to further their understanding. We will also be discussing pronouns and exploring different prepositions.

Understanding the World

We will continue to encourage children's exploration, curiosity, appreciation and respect for living things as we discuss how and why we must take care of things. Children will be tasked with the responsibility of taking care of our very own Caterpillars. They will be observing and discussing the changes that happen in the life cycle and finding out what different things are needed to help things grow, including ourselves!

Maths

Staff will continue to model key words such as 'lots' 'more' and 'same' through our activities to build on our understanding. Children will be encouraged to count in varied contexts such as the fruit from the story and the caterpillars we have. We will explore the language of size with the Makaton signs alongside when comparing the different heights of us and the lengths of the caterpillars.

Physical

We will be talking about why it is important that we take care of ourselves and how we can help to do this by eating a range of healthy food, exercising and brushing our teeth. We will be trying some of the food from The Very Hungry Caterpillar story and discussing which of these are healthy and which aren't, as well how and where these foods grow. Children will also be encouraged to build on their gross and fine motor skills both indoors and outdoors.

Literacy

Children will be encouraged to join in with repeated words and phrases from our songs and story with the aid of props, there will also be themed small world for the children to explore. We will be using our mark making skills to create our very own fruits, caterpillars and butterflies on small and large scales, and practising our writing skills to write labels for the different parts of our pictures.