

Welcome back to our EYFS Unit at Cockfield. Following the success of our child led topics last term, we have decided that the children should continue to choose our topics. This term they have chosen 'Springtime' as our underlying topic. We also have lots of special celebrations this term with Fathers' Day, Sports Day, End of Year Trips and our Stay and Play session all happening this term.

Literacy

Reception children will be working on two letters one sound this term and some children will be moving on to learning long vowel sounds. There will also be an increased focus on independent writing and writing at length in different genres.

The Nursery children will begin to follow the Sounds Write Programme. We will begin to form letters and write words.

Springtime



Understanding the World

We will be exploring the changes that Spring has brought about, making observations of plants and going on our Spring walk. We will also be looking at floating and sinking and investigating which materials might make good raincoats for our Nursery teddies during the spring showers. *We will grow butterflies and learn about life cycles, looking at how caterpillars grow to a butterfly.* We will learn about frogs and tadpoles and other signs of Spring.

Expressive Arts & Design

Making and decorating Fathers' Day Cards, decorating plant pots and making bird feeders. Making models of mini beasts using different construction materials.

Making paper bunnies and butterflies.

Maths

Working on consolidating our number knowledge and counting on and back to 100. This term we will be finishing off our Measurement area of Maths. We will continue to develop our problem solving and reasoning skills. These will be linked to our topic theme where possible.

RE/SMSC We will look at how different religions treat animals. We will look at the Bible as a holy book and why it is special to Christians. We will use the text 'It's Ok to be Different' to explore the different likes and dislikes the children have. We will talk about we like about each other and what we are proud of in our lives.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

The children will have opportunities to attend trips outside of school to build their self-confidence and explore friendships in a different environment. We will also be preparing for the upcoming move to new classes with the children being awarded more responsibilities and opportunities.

Communication and Language

Focus activities emphasising taking turns in games. Learning how to use resources correctly. Working on sequencing events in stories. Learning new vocabulary relating to the natural world.

Physical Development PE Focus on dancing. EYFS movement daily: Go Noodle, Mindfulness Exercises, Dough Disco, Nimble Fingers and Handwriting. Playground Games. The children will have the opportunity to develop throwing, catching and striking skills. They will value taking part rather than winning and understand how to work best as part of a team.

**Parts in GREEN were suggested by the children when we planned our topic together on 23/4/19.*