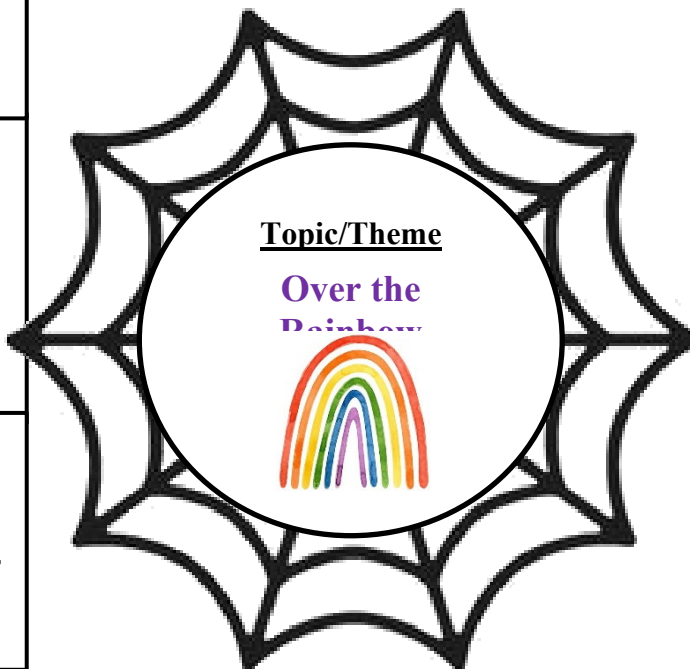


Foundation Stage Topic Web Newsletter

Class/Year: Nursery

Term: Spring 1



Introduction to topic/theme:

This half term we will be looking at the topic 'Over the Rainbow'. This half term we will explore all of the colours of the rainbow, learning to recognise and name them. We will also learn how to mix primary colours and explore connotations of each colour.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- We will be looking at how we can be helpful to our friends.
- We will be introducing a circle time activity on a Friday to discuss kindness and helping others.
- We will talk about managing our feelings.
- We will learn about different feelings and how they make us feel.

Physical Development

- Introduction to Dough Disco twice a week to strengthen our hand muscles ready for writing in the future.
- Finger gym activities to develop fine motor skills.
- Manipulating malleable materials to create models in the DT area.

Expressive Arts and Design

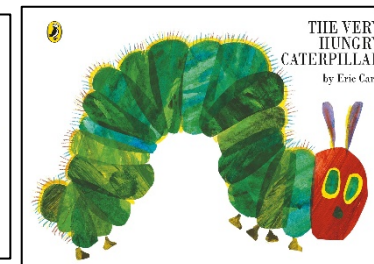
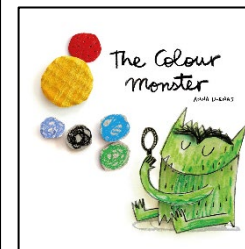
- Making marks in cornflour.
- Colour mixing to create our own butterflies.
- Learning new painting techniques.
- Observational drawings of caterpillars and butterflies.
- Use different materials to create our own collages of gardens.
- Making cards for different celebrations.

Homework

Please note that we will be providing children with homework tasks to complete each week in their homework book that school will provide. This must be returned on a **Thursday**. This will be reflective of what the children are learning in class.

Communication, Language & Literacy

The children will be introduced to a range of reading material to fuel their interest in reading. We will be reading the stories below in class and getting to know them well. We will also be focusing on listening for and saying initial sounds in words. Children will have a go at early reading, reading pictures, as well as simple words.



Mathematics

- Subitise - Learning to recognise the number of objects in a small group without the need to count them.
- Number 3 – recognising the numeral, representing 3 and subitising 3.
- Number 4 – recognising the numeral, representing 4 and recognising groups of 4 objects.
- Number 5 – recognising the numeral, representing 5 and subitising 5.
- Ordering numbers to 5.
- Composition of numbers to 5.

Understanding the World

We will be learning about celebrations such as Chinese New Year, Valentine's Day and Shrove Tuesday. We will look at how these special times are celebrated. We will be learning about growth, change and decay. We will also learn about the life cycle of a caterpillar and other insects and their habitats.

Ideas to try at home

- Make some playdough with your child and join in with Dough Disco.
- Listen to Nursery Rhymes with your child and learn some new ones.
- Look at videos of caterpillars and make a poster for the life cycle of a caterpillar.
- Experiment with colours and colour mixing.
- Have a go at counting a small group of objects using the 1:1 counting principle.
- Practise writing the numbers 1-5 with your child and look at different ways to represent these.