

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The children will be talking about how parents care for their babies and children. Using the story, When The Teddy Bears Came, they will be thinking about how it feels to be a big brother or sister when a new baby joins a family and what makes a family special. Using the text, A Duck So Small, they will be thinking about what is special and unique about each one of us. The children will be learning about what the body needs for healthy life and growth such as sleep, exercise, healthy food choices and good hygiene.

Literacy

The children will be discussing characters and events in stories about babies, plants and animals. They will be using information texts to find out about plant, human and animal life cycles and about Spring. There will be mark making opportunities such as drawing or painting pictures of plants and baby animals. Children will be encouraged to use marks as they write on shopping lists, in diaries and notepads and on recipe paper as part of Home Corner role play. They will be learning to read and trace their names.

Maths

The children will be learning to count small groups of eggs and chicks and to count out cubes to measure and compare the size of their hands and feet. They will practise their counting skills by having a flower shop to play in. The children will be learning to count the number of bounces that they can do on a space hopper in one minute or count star jumps as part of activities linked to keeping fit. Using the song 5 Little Speckled Frogs, they will learn that quantities change when things are taken away.

Physical Development

The children will be learning to handle a range of tools and materials through creative activities and cooking sessions such as making Easter biscuits and Easter chocolate nests and using gardening tools to plant things. They will be taking part in some keep fit challenges such as obstacle courses and games and exercises to develop their gross motor skills.

Communication and Language

The children will be listening to and discussing stories such as Rosie's Babies, You'll Soon Grow into Them Titch, Once There Were Giants, Six Little Chicks and Jasper's Beanstalk. They will be learning to follow instructions as part of planting activities. They will be helped to extend their vocabulary by naming and describing mother and baby animals and Spring plants.

F1 Curriculum Overview - Spring 2

Theme: New Life and Change



Understanding the World

The children will be finding out about the human life cycle and ordering pictures to show changes from a baby to a child to an adult linked to the story Once There Were Giants by Martin Waddell. This text tells about the growth of a baby through to adulthood. The children will be comparing what they could do as babies with what they can do now. We hope to arrange a visit from a mother and baby for the children to see a new baby and a visit from a mother and toddler so that the children can see first-hand the changes that take place.

The children will have opportunities to learn about growth and change by planting flowers and vegetables.

They will have opportunities to learn about changes in animal life cycles through incubating eggs.

They will be learning about seasonal change by talking about what they see on a Spring Stroll and describing features of their environment at Springtime.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will learn to sing the nursery rhyme Rock a Bye Baby. They will listen to musical extracts from Brahms Lullaby and staff will help them to talk about the music they hear. They will have opportunities to choose percussion instruments to make lullaby music for a baby.

Linked to the theme of plants, the children will be able to select materials to make pictures or models of trees and flowers.

As part of imaginative play, the children will be able to take on different roles as they use the Baby Clinic and the Garden Centre role play areas and welcome a new baby into the Home Corner.

Linked to the themes of Easter, the children will be able to draw, paint or make collage pictures of lambs and chicks, decorate eggs and learn to sing a range of Easter songs.