



# Cygnets class newsletter

## Our theme this half term is **In the Garden**

We will be learning about growing and living things we might find in the garden. Children will be having fun using their imaginations taking on roles in the role play areas, as well as having time to be creative, finding out new things, investigating and experimenting. We will be sharing familiar and new stories, rhymes and songs, with lots of opportunities for writing, including labels, instructions, story writing and information fact sheets.

### IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Please remember to label all your child's clothing with their name.
- Ensure your child's PK kit is in school and is weather appropriate for lessons outside.
- Please do not send your child into school wearing jewellery. Small stud earrings can be worn but must be removed for PE.
- Don't forget to send your child into school with a water bottle, book bag and waterproof coat.

### USEFUL APPS

- White Rose maths (free)
- Numberblocks (some free)
- Jolly phonics (£9.99)

### DATES TO REMEMBER

- PE will be on a Wednesday and Thursday
- Library books are changed on a Thursday.
- Forest school dates—Tuesday 5.05.26, Monday 11.05.26 and 18.05.26
- Look and share 19.05.26 3:30-4:00 and 20.05.26 8:30-9:00
- Last day of half term is 22.05.26

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Maths	<p><u>Numbers to 20</u>— count, recognise numerals and the pattern of numbers up to 20, representing them using 10s frames</p> <p><u>Adding</u>— understand adding more and writing addition number sentences, find out how many have been added</p> <p><u>Taking away</u>— understand subtraction and begin to write subtraction number sentences, find out how many have been taken away</p> <p><u>Sharing and grouping</u>—practically share and group numbers of objects and explore sharing odd and even numbers</p> <p><u>Explore doubles</u></p>
English	We will continue to recap phonemes, digraphs and tricky words. Children will continue to practise writing precursive letters. They will spell words by identifying sounds in them and represent the sounds with letters. They will write sentences that can be read by others. They will begin to extend sentences and begin to use capital letters and full stops, and be introduced to adjectives.
Understanding the World	Learn about the parts of a plant and how plants grow. Take part in forest schools, exploring the environment around us. Learn about how people help us through role-play in Little City. Learn about religious practices in the Christian community, with a focus on what makes every single person unique and precious.
Expressive Arts and Design	Explore a variety of tools, materials and techniques as we create art based on stories, characters and artists. Share creations and explain the process. Move in time to music in dance, learning dance moves, using instruments and singing songs and rhymes.
Physical Development	Regular mark making and handwriting practise following the Letterjoin precursive letter scheme. PE lessons focused on games and dance, to move energetically, negotiating space and develop strength and coordination.
French	Cygnets will continue to reinforce counting to 20, colours, animals and greetings. They will be introduced to parts of the body and fruit.
PSHE/No outsiders	Work and play cooperatively with others. Be confident to try new activities and show independence. In no outsiders we will be celebrating our families and thinking about what we like doing with our family.