

Nursery

The Foundation Stage Curriculum is delivered through Prime Areas: **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**; **Physical Development** and **Communication and Language**.

These core skills are developed through Specific Areas of Learning: **Literacy**; **Mathematics**; **Understanding of the World** and **Expressive Arts and Design**.

Reading and Phonics

Nursery books will continue to be changed on a Tuesday.

All children who bring a book bag to Nursery will continue to bring a story or information book home of their choosing. Some children will also now be bringing home a second book. This book is designed to encourage them to tell a story – they only have pictures in and it is up to your children to ‘create’ a story around the characters and events. Please feel free to record these stories in your child’s ‘Reading Diary’.

Daily Diet

Children need to hear at least 5 stories a day to help develop language skills, at school we aim to read 2/3 books per session. So at home you need to aim to share a further 2/3 books each day. Follow this link to find out more about the benefits of reading at home;
<http://www.booktrust.org.uk/>

How does your Garden grow?

In this topic we will be looking at things that grow; plants and chicks in particular.

We will be focussing on some key books, Jack and the Beanstalk, The Enormous Turnip and The Little Red Hen.

We will also be celebrating Mother’s Day and Easter towards the end of the half term.



Home Learning

Please take this time to enjoy being with your children; *talk with them, walk with them and play with them!* To link with our topic you may want to go on a ‘Spring Walk’, to see the growth and changes happening throughout the Season. We would love to see your photos!

If you have difficulties printing photos you can always email them to the school –

homelearning@catshillfirst.worcs.sch.uk

Clothing and Water bottles

Please ensure all clothing is clearly named – the half term break is a great opportunity to check that names are still in jumpers and cardigans.

Children need to bring in a healthy drink, such as water, every day to help our brains stay ready to learn. Please name water bottles.

Outdoor Curriculum

In Nursery we use our outdoor learning area every day, whatever the weather, please ensure your child comes ready to go outside! This will need to include a warm coat, hats and gloves. **As with all clothing items it is essential that it is clearly named,** please check regularly that names are still in clothes as they can become faded.

Share, Learn and Play

These sessions will continue weekly on a Wednesday; AM – 11.10-11.25
PM – 3.05-3.20

We will have a ‘book and reading’ focus for the first two weeks Spring 2 and then move onto ‘turn taking games’ for the remainder of the half term.