

COLEHILL FIRST SCHOOL

SUMMER TERM LEARNING LETTER FOR HEDGEHOG CLASS

Main Learning themes for the term:

In Early years our topic for the first half term is 'Growing'. We will look at all sorts of things that grow- people, plants and animals. We will base a lot of our learning around the story 'The Hungry Caterpillar' and we will have our own caterpillars in the classroom for the children to observe and this will help develop their understanding of a life cycle. The children will devise their own questions for what they would like to find out about growing and much of our learning will centre around this. We will also be visiting Moors Valley Country Park.

During the second half term our topic is 'All around us'. We will focus our learning on looking after our environment, recycling and looking at mini-beasts. Again the children will have opportunities to ask their own questions and this will help guide our learning.

Prime areas of learning:

PSED Links to learning:

- Embed the class charter, agreeing and reviewing our rights and responsibilities around the classroom.
- Develop the relationships between the children in the class and review how to reach resolutions when we have different ideas.

Communication and Language:

- Extending the children's concentration when listening and develop their use of talk to organise what they plan to do.
- Generating the range of questions the children ask about our topics.

Physical Development:

- Extend the children's fine and gross motor skills.
- Encourage independence in self-help tasks- doing buttons up and getting changed for P.E.
- Encourage games skills involving throwing and catching, hitting balls with bats and football.
- Caterpillar to butterfly dances, Jack and the Beanstalk dance.

Specific areas of learning:

Key Literacy focuses:

- Through our letters and sounds sessions we will begin phase 4, applying the digraphs and blends we have learnt.
- Develop the skills of blending sounds in short words and develop skills to read longer words.
- Continue to practice writing letters using the correct formation and introduce capital letters.
- Develop segmenting skills when sounding out words when writing sentences.
- Encourage independent writing.

Key Maths focuses:

- Recognition and ordering of numbers to at least 20.
- Problem solving with practical activities.
- Adding and taking away using sets of objects and number lines.
- Colour, shape and size- measuring and ordering using non-standard units.

Knowledge of the World focuses:

- Look at the different changing stages of things that grow.
- Look at different types of environments that humans and animals live in.
- Use programmable toys such as the Beebots to introduce coding.

Expressive Arts and Design:

- Singing familiar and new songs and rhymes.
- Painting, printing, collage, junk modelling and sketching.

- Role-play in 'Garden Centre Café', 'Flower shop' and 'The Magical Woods'.

Opportunities to support from home:

- Sharing reading books.
- Word pockets.
- Phonics scrap books.
- Dairies of experiences.