

Nursery Class - Summer 2 - Week 1

Our theme is 'Let's go on a journey' and our story focus is 'The Tiny Seed' by Eric Carle.

Please use these ideas as a basis for your child's learning at home. You can revisit and adapt the ideas throughout the week to develop your child's interest and to consolidate their learning. Remember to also take time to observe your child and to then follow their individual needs and interests.

Message from Mrs Patterson...

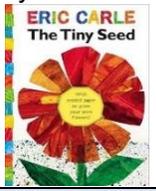
"I hope that you have a wonderful week off. I have been busy planning lots of exciting things for the term ahead. Please keep sending in your messages and pictures to our nursery class email address; also, if you have any questions or queries feel free to get in touch."

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Literacy

Can you listen to the story?

If you don't have a copy of the story at home, you can watch it on the link below.



<https://www.youtube.com/watchTheTinySeed>

- After listening to the story, you could:
- talk about the journey that the seed goes.
 - talk about what happened to the different seeds on the journey.
 - describe a journey that you have been on or that you would like to go on.
 - draw a flower. **I have added a flowerpot template to the website.*

Can you read familiar logos, signs and labels?



To encourage early reading skills you could hunt for familiar print in your home or when you are out and about. You could look for print in logos, on packaging, in magazines, newspapers and catalogues. You could even make a collage of all the familiar words that you find.

Physical

Fine Motor: Can you use tweezers/clothes pegs to move the flowers?



For this activity you will need containers with water in, some flowers (daisies are a good choice) and some tweezers or a clothes peg. You could challenge your child to see how many flowers they can get out of the water in a specific amount of time.



Gross motor: Can you practice your throwing skills?



This week I am challenging you to practice your throwing skills. You could use a selection of resources to play this game, e.g. scrunched up paper, a ball of socks, a ball, a bean bag, a stick etc... Make a target and get throwing. Explain and demonstrate how to do an under-arm throw or if you have more space you could try an over arm throw as well. You could even draw a target with numbers on for your child to aim at; this will add a mathematical element to the game.

Maths

Can you make and play your own bowling game?



This bowling game is great fun and a super way to practice number recognition and counting skills. You can use bottles or other containers from your recycling to make your own skittles game. This game can be adapted to suite the interest and ability of your child.

**You could also use the number line on the website from Week 2 for support.*

Can you count with natural objects?

Follow the link for a counting song to get warmed up:

<https://www.youtube.com/watchCountingSong>

This week we are using natural resources for our counting. Provide a selection of resources and numbers for your child to explore, you could challenge them to match a numeral to the quantity or challenge them further with some simple addition to find out what 'one more' would be. Some pupils may want to record the numbers using pictures, jottings or numbers.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- **Can you design a poster to remind your family that they must wash their hands?**



This catchy song may help to encourage you to wash your hands.

<https://www.youtube.com/WashYourHands>

You could also design a poster to put up in your house to remind family members to stay safe and wash their hands.

- **Can you share what makes you happy?**

During these strange times, it is important to try and stay positive. You could talk to your child about things that that make you feel happy, you could draw or paint your happy times and display them in your house so that they make your feel happy when you look at them.

**I have also added a 'Things that make me happy' sheet to the website.*

Understanding the World

- **Can you make your own cress head?**



Cress is such an easy vegetable to grow from seed. You could even decorate the container to make a funky cress head. Follow the link to see Mr Bloom showing you how to make your own cress head.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/Cressheads>

Remember to water your cress seeds; I will look forward to seeing photographs of your funny cress heads.

- **Can you investigate which fruit and vegetables have seeds in them?**



This week's story is all about the journey of a seed. I wonder if you could hunt for seeds in some of your fruit and vegetables. I wonder what the seeds will look like, I wonder if they will be the same or different, I wonder where the seeds will be hidden.

Have fun on your seed exploration!

Communication and Language

- **Can you talk about the different seasons?**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/Seasons>

The cartoon on the link above explores the different seasons. Watch it together and you could pause it throughout and talk about the things that you find interesting.

**I have also added a 'Season Matching' sheet to the website for you to explore and talk about.*

- **Can you hunt for flowers and talk about what you have found?**

At this time of year there are so many beautiful flowers growing. When you are out on your daily exercise you could see how many different flowers you can spot. Spend time chatting about what you can see, the colours, the size, the patterns etc...

**I have also added a flower checklist to the website, or you could simply write down or draw what you find.*

Expressive Arts and Design

- **Can you create a dandelion inspired picture?**

You may have noticed lots of lovely dandelions around; some have already turned into seeds and have blown away to begin their journey. The link below shows a time lapse of a dandelion.

<https://www.youtube.com/watchDandelion>

I wonder if you can create your own dandelion art.

**I have added a sheet to the website with some creative dandelion ideas.*



- **Can you match the sounds to the instruments?**

Melody from CBeebies has an instrument quiz for you to join in with. Listen to the sounds and see if you can guess which instrument is making the sound. You could pretend to play the instrument; you could also try to use your voice to copy the sound of the instrument. I wonder which instrument will be your favourite.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/InstrumentQuiz>

Enjoy the quiz!



**The ideas for your learning at home is based on the seven areas of learning from the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum.*