



# Gorse Hall Nursery Newsletter

Firstly many thanks for your understanding last term with closures. The children all really enjoyed learning all about different stories. They worked extremely hard developing their story language and acting out various stories.

Lots of children have now grasped the writing bug and it is lovely to see lots of different mark making and writing all over Nursery.  
This Half term we will be learning

## "Growing"



## What and how we will be learning this half term?

### Role Play Areas

In the role play area inside we will be having a 'farm theme' to link in with our 'growing' topic this half term, Outside we will be having a 'doctors' set up.

### Personal, Social and Emotional Education

- Find out about animals growing and the lifecycle of a butterfly.
- Talk about what they like and dislike about it.
- Share and take turns when playing board games or waiting for their turn on the obstacle course outside
- Continue to set up outside area, listening to one another and taking ownership of their space
- Continue to talk about Always rules and rules in the Nursery
- Jigsaw (Relationships) Making Friends, My Family, Falling out, Looking after each other

### Literacy

- Introduce key words to read and write (for children who are ready)
- Read postcards sent from farmers
- Re-tell the story of the Hungry Caterpillar
- Use various story props to retell stories
- Read stories from farms
- Talk about the characters in stories and describe the setting
- Use pictures from farms to inspire string stories
- Create a lifecycle of a butterfly
- Write letters to a local farm
- Make and label posters

### Maths

- Look at and make patterns using various resources
- Count in 10's
- Challenge addition and subtraction problems
- Describing and comparing 2d and 3d shapes
- Continue to look at 1 more and 1 less than a given number
- Encourage the children to write numbers around the Nursery and in the role play area
- Continue to work on number recognition

### Other Areas

- Make Butterfly pictures using gummed paper
- Continue to learn new phonic letter sounds, graphemes
- Listen to a range of animal sounds, how does it make them feel, dance and move expressively to it
- Take on various roles in the role play areas
- Make and design their own butterfly posters
- Design Butterfly and caterpillars by painting dots using cotton wool buds
- Look at the environment and make observational drawings
- Make a mini beast pebble
- Make a caterpillar out of clay
- Make and design a cress seed head

### Dates for your diary

Monday 20th April - School Opens  
Monday 8th May - Bank Holiday

Friday 22nd May - SCHOOL CLOSES  
Monday 10th June - School Opens

