



CURRICULUM INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

CLASS: Caterpillars **TERM:** Autumn 2026
Miss Ruxton, Karen, Debbie, Ruby, Harriet, Joy (Mon-Wed)/
Claire (Thurs/Fri)

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back, we hope you had an amazing Summer, we are very excited for the year ahead. Below are the main topics we will be focusing on throughout this term. During the first couple of weeks, we will be focusing on getting the children settled back into school after summer break and welcoming new friends.

Please feel free to send a message via Seesaw if you have any queries. We also love to see picture of what you have been up to on weekends and in the holidays. Additionally feel free to call and speak to one of the team if you have any queries / concerns.

- P.E Day is Tuesday - Please send your child in PE kit on this day.

In our "My family" topic we will look at our different family member and people who are special to us. We will read a range of stories based around our homes, and who we live with. We will teach the different Makaton signs for our family members and people who are special to us.

In our "Light & Dark" we will explore dark and light tones, work with projections and shadows. We will look at touches and button light up devices. In this half term we will explore fireworks and bonfire night through a range of art activities.

Topic	My Family 	Light & Dark 
	In Phonics we will listen to a range of stories following our Phonics program, working on our shared attention skills. We will sing songs and play simple sound button listening games, teaching the children to tune into and recognise different sounds. Some children may begin to look at some initial letter sounds through targeted interventions. We will help develop everyday communication through use of Makaton signing, widgit symbols and communication boards. At home: Help your child tune in to different sound. Say what you can hear in different environments.	

Personal, Social and Emotional Development 	We will continue everyday language of emotions, through words and visuals using 'Zones of Development'. We will work on our shared attention, listening and sharing skills through a range of activities like 'Attention Autism'. In our topic of 'My family' we will look at people who are special to us. At home: Label emotions - "I can see you are cross"
Physical Development 	Our focus will be on Fundamental movement skills. These skills include running, hopping, jumping, throwing, catching and climbing; as well as spatial awareness, balance and co-ordination. We will move to music, using scarves and wands. Throughout we will encourage listening skills and joint attention as well as encouraging team work. At home: Rolling and catching games. Encourage waiting through games - 'ready, steady, go..'
Literacy 	We will explore a range of stories following our key theme of 'My family'. We will explore our senses using a range of sensory stories linked to Phonics and our Key Themes. We will focus on our pre-writing skills, using mark making in a range of materials - using small and large movement, different brushes, rollers and stamps. We will also use dough-gym to develop out fine motor skills. At home: Share the books and help develop a love for reading.
Maths 	We will use daily sand and water play to help children build early mathematical concepts like volume, capacity, and spatial awareness. Helping develop an understanding of measuring and comparing - 'Which one has more / less?' In adult led activities, children will match objects to 2-D representations, sort objects according to properties such as shape, size or type for identical objects and identify biggest and smallest items/objects. We will continue our knowledge of number and counting through a range of songs. Some children will match numeral and quantity correctly up to 5 and beyond. At home: Sing number songs, count every day objects.
Expressive Arts and Design 	Children will use a range of different art materials to draw; paint and mark make. Children will have lots of time to explore freely with textures, colours and art materials in our art area. In our 'light and dark' topic with will explore different shades of colours, working in black and white and contrasting colours. In our 'My family' topic we will use junk modelling to model our own houses and make houses from construction materials. Children's art will be displayed on our Art Wall so they can look back at their own work with pride. With Miss McCaffrey (PPA cover Teacher), the children will explore a range of musical instruments and language such as loud and quiet. At home: Listen to your child's favourite songs, encourage actions, dancing and singing.
Understanding the World 	We will use a range of mechanical and push button toys to explore cause and effect. In our topic 'Light and Dark', We will explore using light devices and torches to create shadows and experiment with cause and effect through light sources. We will explore events such as bonfire night. At home: Explore the concept of light and dark - 'lights off, it's dark' 'Night time, it's dark'.