Tudor Court Primary

Curriculum Map – Cycle 4
12th May 2025 – 22nd July 2025



Learning Power Focus: Reflective Year: Reception

Inspire - Challenge - Succeed



Prime Areas od Learning and Development

Communication and Language:

- Develop storylines in their pretend play and use conversations and discussions to solve problems, organise thinking and activities.
- Explain how things work and why they might happen.
- Engage in conversations about stories and explore the meanings of new words that they hear in stories, rhymes and poems.
- Listen attentively and respond to what they hear with relevant questions, comments and actions when being read to and during whole class discussions and small group interactions.
- Talk about stories and make connections with events in their own lives or other familiar stories.
- Talk about pictures in storybooks and use them to discuss how characters might be feeling.

Physical Development:

- Move confidently in arrange of ways and safely negotiate space, obstacles and terrains.
- Travel around with confidence and skill around, under, over and through balancing and climbing equipment; stands on one foot momentarily when shown.
- Join with games that include racing, chasing, balancing, riding (scooters, trikes and bikes) and ball skills.
- Pat, throw, kick, pass, aim, bat and catch different sized ball with increasing control.
- Make simple prints using a variety of tools, including blocks and rollers.
- Manipulate malleable materials into a variety of shapes and forms using their hands and other simple tools.
- Select appropriate tools and media to draw with.
- Use a range of media, tools and techniques to create images, express ideas and show different emotions.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

- Follow instructions when in different environments and when handling simple equipment, such as scissors
- Understand that they must wait for their turn to use equipment or take part in part activities
- See themselves as a valuable individual and describe themselves in positive terms, talking about their abilities and interests.
- Talk about why it is important to stay safe in the sun.
- Show an understanding of their feelings and those of others
- Be confident in trying new activities showing independence, resilience and perseverance

Jigsaw - Relationships and Changing Me

Topic: Gardens and Minibeasts.

Enquiry Question: What do we notice about living things?

Key Concepts: Habitats, lifecycles, environment, growth

Key Vocabulary:

notice, predict, living things, breathe, soil, plant, seed, roots, stem, petals, change, decay, life-cycle, antennae, insect, alive, arachnids, similarities, differences.

Significant individuals and events:

- 5 June: World Environment Day: #BeatPlasticPollution
- June: National Festival of Fieldwork Fieldwork for Everyone

Community and Local Links:

- Explore the school grounds and tree areas. Look for different plants, flowers and minibeasts within the school environment – How are the environments the same or different?
- Visit Chafford Gorges Nature Discovery Park –Wouldham Cliffs– in summer this area is inhabited by butterflies, dragonflies and damselflies.

Coherence

 Understanding that things change with the seasons and that different living things live in different places (Y1 geography – hot and cold places and Y1 Science-weather)

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Specific Area of Learning and Development

Literacy

Phonics:

- Continuing RWI
- Use phonic knowledge to segment and blend sounds into words
- Engaging in shared reading and dialogic book talk

Reading:

- Listen to and talk about selected fiction and non-fiction books to develop deep familiarity with new knowledge and vocabulary
- Read aloud simple phrases, sentences and books that are consistent with their phonic knowledge
- Retell stories and narratives through role play and small world, using some key vocabulary

Suggested texts:

- > Katie and the sun flower
- > A seed in need
- What the Ladybird Heard
- Mad About Minibeasts!
- Aaaarrgghh, Spider!
- ➤ Are You a Snail?
- ➤ My First Book of Garden Bugs (RSPB)
- Non-fiction books and online texts about living things
- First Facts Bugs
- ➤ The Tiny Seed
- > I Can Grow a Sunflower

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Specific Area of Learning and Development Writing

- Write short sentences and phrases using words with known sound-letter correspondences.
- Form lower-case and capital letters correctly.
- With support, begin to use a capital letter, finger spaces and a full stop.
- Share writing with others, reading it aloud where appropriate.
- Spell words by identifying the sounds and then writing the sounds with letters
- Use writing to communicate thoughts, ideas and events in their play.
- Spells common exception words matching the schools programme
- > Story maps, e.g. story about a plant, bugs and insects
- ➤ The lifecycle of an insect.
- Sunflower Seed Diary
- ➤ Instructions, e.g. planting seeds
- Simple recounts
- > Descriptions, e.g. of a favourite minibeast
- ➤ Labelling diagrams, photographs and drawings

Maths: Subitising, (Cardinality, ordinality and counting), Composition and Comparison.

Mastering Number Week 23 - 31

- Join in with verbal counts beyond 20, hearing the repeated pattern within the counting numbers
- continue to develop their counting skills, counting larger sets as well as counting actions and sounds
- explore a range of representations of numbers, including the 10-frame, and see how doubles can be arranged in a 10-frame
- compare quantities and numbers, including sets of objects which have different attributes
- continue to develop a sense of magnitude, e.g. knowing that 8 is quite a lot more than 2, but 4 is only a little bit more than 2
- begin to generalise about 'one more than' and 'one less than' numbers within 10
- continue to identify when sets can be subitised and when counting is necessary
- develop conceptual subitising skills including when using a rekenrek

Measure, Shape and Spatial Thinking:

- Spatial Reasoning 2: Compose and Decompose
- Spatial Reasoning 3: Visualise and Build
- Spatial Reasoning 4: Mapping

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Understanding the World:

- Begin to observe and talk about living things in the local environment
- Observe and describe living things and their habitats within the local environment
- Represent scientific observations by mark making and drawing observations
- Offer explanations of why things happen, making use of vocabulary, such as, because, then and next
- Identify common features of different.... Mini beast)
- Begin to talk about ways to care for a plant or animal
- Explore the natural world around them and give simple descriptions, following observation, of changes
- · Notice and begin to describe patterns of weather in summer and winter

Expressive Arts and Design:

- Learn and sing songs and rhymes as part of a larger group
- Use primary and other coloured paint and a range of methods of application
- Use natural materials and loose parts to make 2-D and 3-D art.
- Create collaboratively, share ideas and use a variety of resources to make products inspired by existing products, stories or their own ideas, interests or experiences.
- Explore artwork by famous artists and talk about their likes and dislikes.
- Name and explore a range of everyday products and begin to talk about how they are used.

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Computing: Coding

- Follow simple instructions
- Explore what happens when buttons are pushed on an electric toy or device
- Input simple instructions to technological toys, including floor robots and onscreen sprite (Beebots, 2Simple 2go)
- Use IPad to record information and discoveries of the natural world.

Home Learning

Children Could

- Explore their garden/local park to see what plants/minibeasts they can find.
- Help to look after plants or a pet at home, e.g. with adult support, water the garden or a pot plant or give food to an animal
- Make a bug hotel from plant pots, small rocks, stones, bark and leaves and see if minibeasts visit.
- Research some fantastic facts about minibeasts from around the world and share them on Tapestry.