

Dear Parents, Guardians, Carers

As we embark on this term's learning journey, we're excited to align our activities with the development matters in our drive to achieve the Early Learning Goals. These goals are designed to support your child's development across key areas, ensuring they gain the skills and confidence needed for their future learning and success. From fostering creativity and critical thinking to developing physical skills and understanding the world around them, our curriculum is crafted to engage and inspire. We look forward to partnering with you to make this a rewarding and enriching experience for your child.

To navigate through the weeks' activities, start by reviewing the weekly theme and objectives listed. Each week, we'll focus on different stories and concepts that align with Development Matters. Throughout, you'll find a variety of suggested tasks, including reading, arts and crafts, and simple experiments. Follow the links to free resources for additional support and ideas. Engage with your child in these activities at a comfortable pace, ensuring a balance of fun and learning.

As we dive into this term's exciting learning journey, we kindly remind parents to share your child's home learning achievements through Tapestry or ClassDojo. This allows us to celebrate progress and maintain a supportive link between home and school.

The Early Years Team

Week 1: Chicken Licken

Explore the whimsical tale of Chicken Licken, engaging in storytelling and creative arts. Delve into basic weather concepts and practice counting in a fun, interactive way.

Learning Intentions: Understand narrative elements, practice counting, learn basic weather knowledge and explore seasonal changes, and explore puppet making.

- **Support Reading:** Discuss the story's plot and characters.
- **Math Activity:** Practice counting with [Starfall](#) Counting Games.
- **Science Exploration:** Learn about the sky and weather at [Weather Wiz Kids](#).
- **Art Project:** Create story puppets using materials at home.

Week 2: The Little Red Hen

Learn about hard work and collaboration through "The Little Red Hen." Bake bread, understand measurements, and discover the science of plant growth.

Learning Intentions: Discuss themes of teamwork, measure ingredients, explore plant life cycles, and engage in bread art.

- **Support Reading:** Focus on the importance of helping and teamwork.
- **Math Activity:** Explore measurements on [Funbrain's](#) Math Zone.

- **Science Exploration:** Discover plant life cycles with [BBC Bitesize](#).
- **Art Project:** Paint with bread shapes and homemade edible paint.

Week 3 & 4: Eggs - An Egg is Quiet

Dive into the fascinating world of eggs with art projects and science experiments. Investigate egg diversity and learn classification skills.

Learning Intentions: Increase knowledge about eggs, classify by size/colour, conduct simple experiments, and dye eggs.

- **Support Reading:** Examine different types of eggs and their features.
- **Math Activity:** Sort and classify eggs by size and colour with resources from [PBS LearningMedia](#).
- **Science Exploration:** Conduct simple egg science experiments guided by [Science Kids](#).
- **Art Project:** Decorate eggs using natural dyes.

Week 5 & 6: Tadpole's Promise

Journey through the lifecycle of a frog and a butterfly, with Tadpole's Promise. Explore amphibian and caterpillar growth stages, sequence activities, and express learning through art.

Learning Intentions: Understand amphibian and caterpillar life cycles, insect transformation, sequence development stages, observe frog growth, and create lifecycle art.

- **Support Reading:** Discuss the lifecycle of a frog and a caterpillar, and the story's lesson.
- **Math Activity:** Sequence the stages of frog development with online games at [Sheppard Software](#).
- **Science Exploration:** Watch the frog lifecycle on National Geographic Kids.
- **Art Project:** Create a frog lifecycle craft.

Over the term, we will embark on a thematic journey, exploring stories that will enrich our understanding of the world. From the rhyming fun of Chicken Licken to the life cycle of a tadpole, each week will be a blend of literacy, mathematics, understanding the world, and expressive arts. Through interactive activities and engaging online resources, children will develop critical thinking, creativity, and a deeper appreciation for nature. This term's learning will not just be about acquiring knowledge, but about sparking curiosity and fostering a love for discovery.

We hope you will enjoy these topics as much as we will.