



SKYLARKS NURSERY



The great outdoors



Nursery Newsletter: Term 5 April 2026

This term we are learning about the great outdoors. Our theme will be mini-beasts and their habitats. We will also plan our garden area, plant seeds and watch them grow. We will take part in minibeast hunts and learn about how to look after and care for tiny creatures.

Our topic this term is **the great outdoors**

In this topic we will be using the stories of

The very hungry caterpillar,

Norman the slug,

The very lazy ladybird and

Walter's wonderful web

As well as stories about growing vegetables.

We will also be using lots of non-fiction books to find out information and learning new songs and rhymes.

Speaking and listening

This term we will be listening to longer stories and recalling what happens in them in order. We will be asking lots of "how" and "why" questions and develop our vocabulary to answer them. We will focus on the rhymes- there's a tiny caterpillar on a leaf, there's a worm at the bottom of the garden and incy wincy spider.

Phonics and Literacy

This term we will develop our skills in hearing and clapping the syllables in words.

We will continue to blend the sounds we hear together to make a word and identify words which start with the same phonemes. Our focus phonemes will be r, h, b, f, l.

We will be working hard on our pencil control and, when ready, name writing skills and making marks in our play. We will be making a minibeast diary and keeping lists of which mini-beasts we find.

Maths

Our focus this term is:

Comparing length, height and capacity.

Playing simple number games.

Linking numbers to amounts and making marks to represent these amounts.



Please keep an eye on tapestry as we will be sending out permission forms to handle minibeasts and for applying sunscreen during the term.

Reminders

As the weather gets warmer can we please remind you to ensure all jumpers and cardigans are named. Outdoor play is available for most of the session so it is also advisable to bring a named sunhat and a coat whatever the weather as it can still be quite changeable. A change of clothing is recommended (and wellies if you haven't brought some) as water play will be bigger and wetter! Please ensure that your child also has a water bottle containing water. Thank you.