



Ready

Steady

Grow!

Ducklings Summer 1

As we enter our final term of this academic year, our theme focusses on growth and change. The summer is not only a great time to consider how things change in our environment (plants, flowers, insects and bugs) but also to think about how we change and adapt in our own lives. The first half of the Summer term we will be thinking about how we can grow our brains! How do we learn best and what can we do to help develop some really important key learning skills and attitudes which will last a lifetime? Please look out for further information about the Seven Dimensions of Learning.

The second half of the Summer term we will be thinking about growing and changing in our environment. Some of us will be preparing for moving on and taking next steps.

Books we will read



Our learning journey will begin by introducing the children to our friend the beaver. He shows true resilience. When he builds his home, he is often met with challenges. The force of the water and other conditions often destroy his dam but the beaver does not give up. He continues to build bigger and better. We will be looking out for children who do not give up even when it's tricky! Perseverance will be a buzz word around nursery.

We will then meet our curious cat. He loves to ask questions and find out information to help him understand. We will be asking and answering lots of how, why, and where questions! This will be great for our communication and language skills too!

Our final friend will be the monkey! He is super playful and creative. He likes to take risks and enjoys a challenge. The children will be encouraged to use their imagination, letting their mind 'float free' to find creative solutions to problems.



Sort coins into different groups and post them in a money box.



When in the bath use sponges and flannels to transfer water by squeezing and twisting.



Use pegs as tweezers and move small items from one cup to another.

Use your thumb and finger to practise winding up toys. Watch them go!



Focus on Fine Motor Skills

Fine motor skills are those that involve a refined use of the small muscles which control the hand, fingers and thumb. With the development of these skills, a child is able to complete important tasks such as writing, feeding oneself, buttoning and zipping. These abilities gradually develop through experience and exposure to a variety of toys, materials and even foods.

Some children take a bit more time to develop their fine motor skills and need some extra support. Here are some fun ideas of how you could help at home.