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**W/C 17th April** -Eid-al-Fitr the Muslim festival marking the end of Ramadan which began week commencing **20th March**.

**Parental consultations** for children who started nursery in September 22 and March 23 will be week commencing **24th April**. Look out for your email inviting you to book a time with your child's key person.

**National Smile Month** runs from **16th May to the 16th June**. The children will be taking part in activities that promote looking after our teeth and healthy eating activities week commencing **22nd May**.



**Community Planting Day** is on **Wednesday 26th April from 12:30am -4pm** come along and get involved, this event is free and open to everyone. More information will be sent out nearer the time.

**Squiggles for Giggles** will be held on **Wednesday 24th May** for all our families, come along and work with **Lou our Artist in Residence** or for more information see the weekly What's Happening. Lou is also at nursery every Wednesday, predominately she works with the children in blue, yellow and green rooms however, recently she has also worked with the children in red and purple rooms.



**Caterpillars** -From the **18th April** we will have some caterpillar eggs for the children to see first hand how they metamorphose into butterflies. This will provide opportunities to teach the children about different life cycles.

**Coronation of King Charles III** - each child will receive a specially decorated mug to commemorate this occasion, which is on **Saturday 6th May**.



**Stay and Play** sessions for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers at **9.30- 11.00am on Tuesday mornings from 25th April** It is a

great way for you and your child to meet new people and make new friends. The sessions on the **25th April** and **2nd May** will include **Imagination Library Story Telling Sessions for children 0-2 years**. Book a place and find out about simple activities to enhance each story at home.



**Monday 1st and 8th May** - Are bank holidays and the school is closed.



**McRed** is a reading for pleasure programme for Dads and Male Carers to read at home with their children every day. This course starts on the morning of **Wednesday 10th May at 9.00am** and runs for 3 weeks.

**Early Education is celebrating 100 years** and to celebrate their centenary they have produce a food to share recipe book. Vicky our cook will be running a celebratory cooking event for parents and carers on **Thursday 25th May at 2.00pm** making their **cheese scones recipe** with 8 places. If you would like to download a copy of the recipes go to <https://early-education.org.uk/product/food-to-share-recipe-booklet/>.



**Friday 26th May** -School closes for the half term and re opens on **Monday 5th June**.

**To book places for any of the events please call 01535**



Download the 50 Things to do Before You're 5 app for age appropriate ideas of activities, places to visit and things to do with your child.

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# This Half Term in Red, Purple, Blue, Green & Yellow Rooms Summer 1 2023



We will also keep you updated through our weekly 'What's Happening' - copies are emailed to all parents/main carers and are available on our website and Facebook pages.

For all bookable activities in purple overleaf please email [office@strongclose.co.uk](mailto:office@strongclose.co.uk) or call 01535 605272. Thank you

Jeśli potrzebujesz tłumaczenia na język polski użyj numeru.

যদি এই অনুবাদ বাংলায় চান তাহলে উপরের সংখ্যায় যোগাযোগ করুন.

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## Red and Purple Rooms – 2-3 year olds

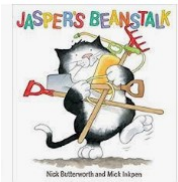
### Extending children's interests, knowledge and skills



The children in **red** and **purple** room have been fascinated by the ducklings that visited nursery last half term. In the rooms, this has led to lots of discussions about how they were growing, how best to care for them and what they like to eat and

drink. This half term we will be extending this learning through our core story, where we will be observing how plants grow and what they need to thrive.

### Introducing new knowledge and skills



**Jasper's Beanstalk** by Nick Butterworth and Mick Inkpen is the core story in **red** and **purple** room this half term. It is a colourful book where Jasper plants a bean and he waits for it to grow into a

beanstalk all week. We are going to extend the children's knowledge by planting seeds, watching them grow and then transferring them to our vegetable patch at the allotment. We will introduce new vocabulary related to size and growing.

### How you can help support your child's learning

Now the warmer weather is here and we can enjoy spending more time outside, the garden can be a fun place for little ones to learn as it's full of colourful flowers, plants and maybe even a few friendly gnomes. They'll love being allowed to play with water too, which can be much easier than in the house. Why not visit <https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/grandparents-garden-fun/ztyw7yc> for more ideas of how to talk through garden play.



## THIS HALF-TERM IN NURSERY

## Blue, Yellow and Green Rooms—3-5 year olds

### Extending children's interests, knowledge and skills



The children in **blue** and **yellow** rooms have been interested in taking care of the ducklings that came to nursery and also helping to plant a variety of

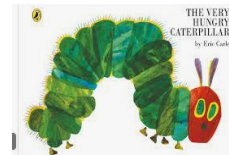
vegetable and flower seeds. We will extend this learning by visiting our allotment and planting the seedlings into the raised beds, where the children will have the opportunity to watch them grow and change. We will be tasting different fruits and vegetables we grow as well.

The children in **green** room have developed an interest in mark making and have been busy making marks on paper, on whiteboards and on the smart board. To extend this interest, we will be linking activities to our core story where we will explore big/tall, small/short marks, wavy and straight lines and use ribbons to create shapes in the air.



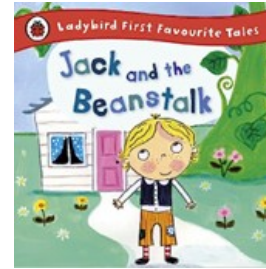
### Introducing new knowledge and skills

**The Hungry Caterpillar** by Eric Carle is the core story in **blue** and **yellow** rooms this half term. The children will have the opportunity to retell the story as the caterpillar grows from an egg to cocoon and then to a beautiful butterfly. To extend their learning further we will also look at the days of the week, numbers and counting. We will try the different foods the caterpillar eats on his journey through the book and talk about foods that are healthy and unhealthy. We will be welcoming the live butterfly garden to nursery where we will watch the process of the caterpillars transforming into butterflies, bringing **The Very Hungry Caterpillar** story to life.

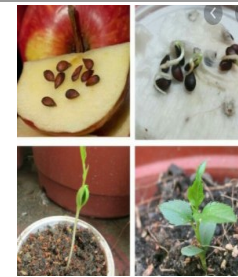


**Jack and the Beanstalk** by Iona Treachy is the core story in

**green** room this half term. This bright and colourful picture book contains lots of rhythm and rhyme. Following on from the previous core story the children will have chance to extend their learning and interest in rhythms. We will be planting seeds and watching them grow taller and taller and bringing the story to life through sensory trays, construction and movements.



### How you can help support your child's learning



At home taste different fruits and vegetables and talk with your child about healthy and unhealthy foods and their likes and dislikes.

Why not have a go at planting some seeds together, you could plant the pips out of an apple or the seeds from tomato slices and see if they grow or you could collect items from your garden or the park and make a mini garden on a paper plate. Visit <https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/make-a-mini-garden/z7rm2sg>

Listen to our core stories being read by an adult at nursery on our Facebook page and talk to your child about what they liked about the story. For some quick tips on sharing and retelling stories with your child visit <https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/retelling-stories/z6tnsk7for> ideas.

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