

Nursery Newsletter

Spring 2
2025

Raleigh Infant and
Admirals Academies

Welcome

We hope you had a lovely half-term break. We hope you are looking forward to beginning the new half-term.

During this half term and heading into Summer term, we will be learning about growth and change, which means we will be developing our garden area for the children to grow their own plants and vegetables. To help us with developing the area and to get the children actively involved we are asking for some donations:

- Seeds (flower/vegetables)
- Compost
- Plants
- Small pots



Thankyou,

The Nursery Team

Important Dates



- 4th April — Last day of term

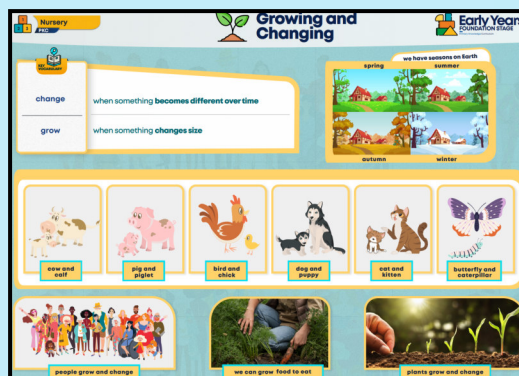
Wider Curriculum

Our learning theme for this half-term is **Growth and Change**. We will be learning about how different things grow such as, plants, vegetables, people and animals. We will be learning how to take care of plants and what they need to help them grow.

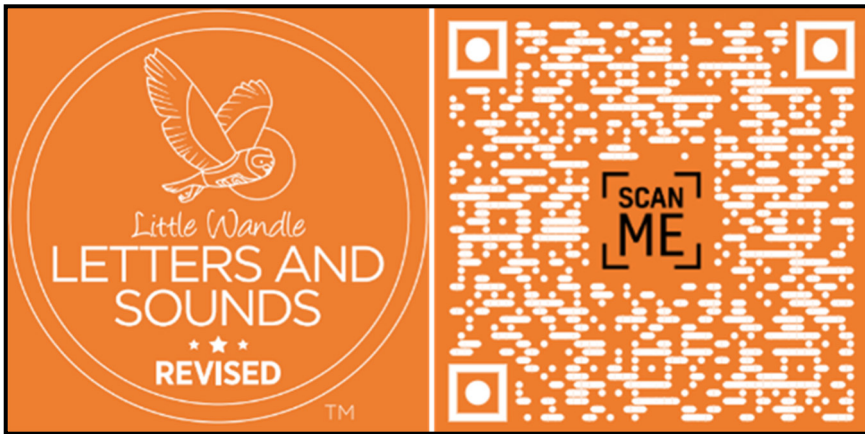
In **Art**, we will be creating various pieces of work, such as observational drawings, collage and paintings. We will be creating our own poppy field art inspired by the artist Claude Monet.

PE is every **Wednesday**. Your child needs to come to school in comfortable clothes/shoes or a PE kit. This half-term we will be focusing on dance.

In **RE**, we will be learning about signs of Spring and learning about Easter celebrations. In **PSHE**, we will be learning about how to be healthy, e.g. diet, exercise, and hygiene.



More information can be found online at www.raleighinfant.co.uk



Phonics

We will be continuing to embed our knowledge of our early **Phonics**, recalling previous sounds as well as learning new ones, **u, r, b, h, f**. We will be practising the skills of oral blending and playing different phonic games to develop these skills. Scan the QR code above for a link to the **Little Wandle Parents Area**. Regular practice will support your child with the previous and current sounds learnt and this is good preparation for children heading into reception.

Our Key Focus

Fine Motor skills

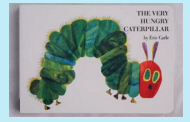
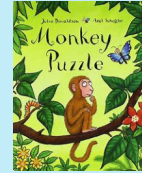
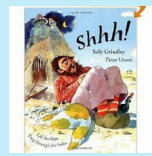
One of our focus areas for this half-term is developing the children's fine motor skills. Our aim is to create an enjoyment for mark making and encourage children to have a go independently. To do this, children need to be supported with their fine motor skills. Finding ways to strengthen the children's hands will support future writing opportunities.



How can you help at home?

- Playing with playdough
- Encourage writing in different ways, such as with chalk, painting, writing in mud with a stick, or using shaving foam.
- Using tweezers or even pinching items with their fingers will help.
- Building with lego.

Literacy



In **Literacy**, we use 'Drawing Club' to develop children's fine motor skills, creative thinking, alongside their writing. Our key texts this half-term will be '**Shhh!** By Sally Grindley', '**Monkey Puzzle** by Julie Donaldson,' and '**The Very Hungry Caterpillar**', by Eric Carle.

Children will be encouraged to retell stories and make marks/pictures to represent these stories and use their imaginations to create their own versions. You can help by sharing stories at home. This can be with any book or the school library books to develop a love of reading.

Mathematics

In **Maths** this half term, we will be learning how to compare groups of objects, using the key words **more** and **fewer** and looking at **equal** amounts. Next, we will be revising our counting skills and ensuring careful counting. Finally, we will finish with exploring **time**, thinking about parts of a daily routine, for example, **day** and **night**. We will be learning a game to explore time further called, '**What's the time Mr Wolf?**'



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