



# Nursery Newsletter

Summer 1  
2025

Raleigh Infant and  
Admirals Academies

## Welcome



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

A big thank you for the lovely donations during our growing and changing unit. We have a range of plants growing inside and are flourishing well, ready to add to the garden area. We will enjoy observing the changes over the Summer term.



Please add any observations to Tapestry of any growing that is happening at home and also of any learning or experiences you would like to share with us!



Nursery Team

## Important Dates



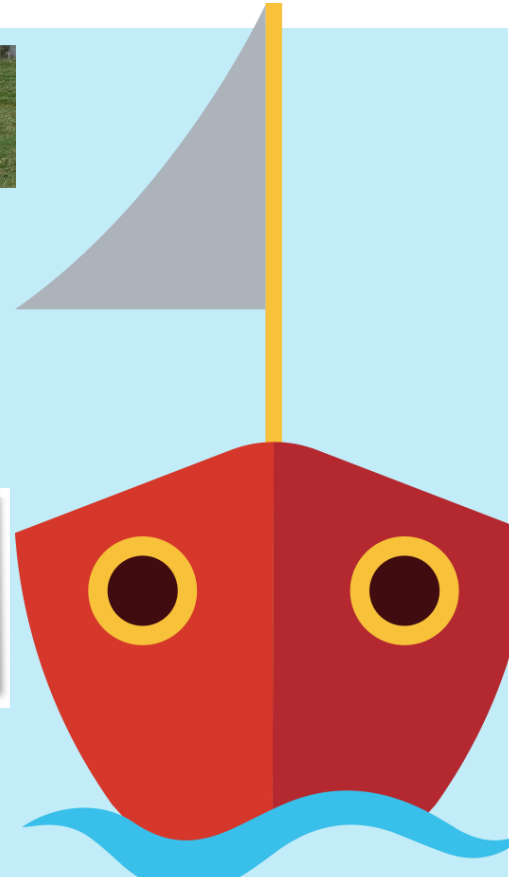
- Monday 5th May - Bank Holiday
- Friday 23rd May - Last Day of Summer 1
- Monday 2nd June - Children return for Summer 2

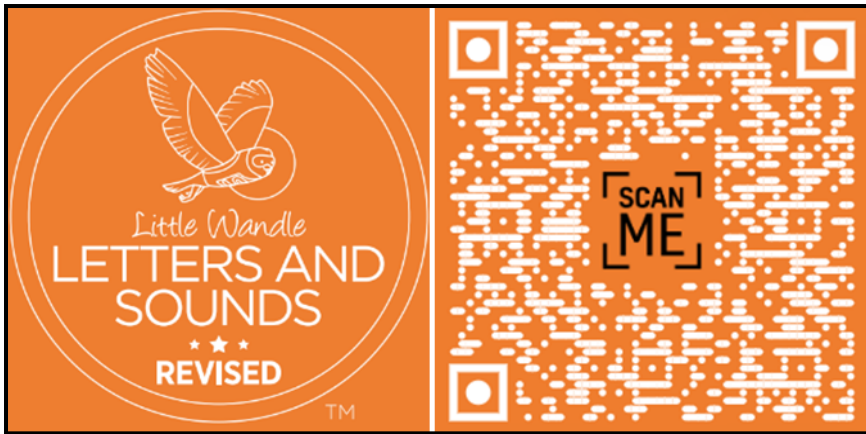
## Wider Curriculum

Our learning theme for this half term is **Animals and their Babies**. First, we will be recapping the life-cycle of a caterpillar. We will be learning new ambitious vocabulary such as: **enclosure, habitat, and metamorphosis**. Next, we will be learning about different animals and their habitats, such as farms, jungle, and woodland. We will also focus on animals from hot countries and cold countries to extend our animal knowledge.

In **Art**, we will be creating various animal drawings and paintings, and towards the end of the half term, we will create our own version of the painting **'Tiger in a Tropical Storm'** by **Henri Rousseau**.

In **RE**, we will be reading various stories that teach different morals, for example, **The Tortoise and the Hare**.





## Phonics

We will be continuing to embed our knowledge of our early **Phonics**, recalling previous sounds as well as learning new ones, **v w y z qu ch**. We will be practising the skills of oral blending and playing different phonic games to develop these skills as well as introducing the word 'digraph' (two letters that make one sound). Scan the code above for a link to the **Little Wandle** Parents Area. Regular practice will support your child with the previous and current sounds learnt, this is good preparation for children heading into reception.

## Our Key Focus

### Health and Self Care

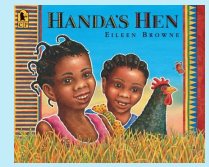
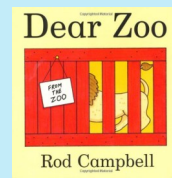
One of our focus areas for this half term is developing the children's independence. For example, we will be working on zipping up coats, taking off and putting on jumpers and ensuring children are confident with using the toilet and washing their hands correctly. This is an area of focus throughout the year but this term is a good time to practise before Reception.



#### How could you help at home?

- Spend some time allowing children to put on their coats and attempt the zip.
- Allow time to practise putting on an item of clothing themselves, such as a t-shirt or jumper.
- Ensure children are using the toilet if they are not already. The Nursery Team can support this at school if needed.

## Literacy



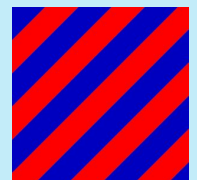
In Literacy, we use '**Drawing Club**' to develop children's fine motor skills and creative thinking alongside their writing. This half term, our key texts is **Dear Zoo** By Rod Campbell and **Handa's Hen** by Eileen Browne.

Children will be encouraged to retell stories, make marks/pictures to represent these stories, and use their imagination to create their own versions.

You can help by sharing stories at home. This can be done with any book or the school library books to develop a love of reading.

## Mathematics

In maths this half term, we will revisit how to compare groups of objects, using **more** and **fewer** keywords and looking at equal amounts. Next, we will be revising our subitising skills (say without counting). Then, we will be learning how to create a staircase pattern to support ordering numbers. Finally, we will be exploring colours and patterns.



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