



# Nursery Newsletter

## Summer I 2026

## Raleigh Infant and Admirals Academies

### Welcome



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

A big thankyou for the lovely donations during our growing and changing unit. We have a range of plants growing inside and are flourishing 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 any learning or experiences you would like to share with us!



Nursery Team

### Important Dates



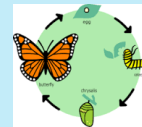
4/5/26—Bank Holiday Monday

21/5/26—Class photos

22/5/26—Last day of term

## Wider Curriculum

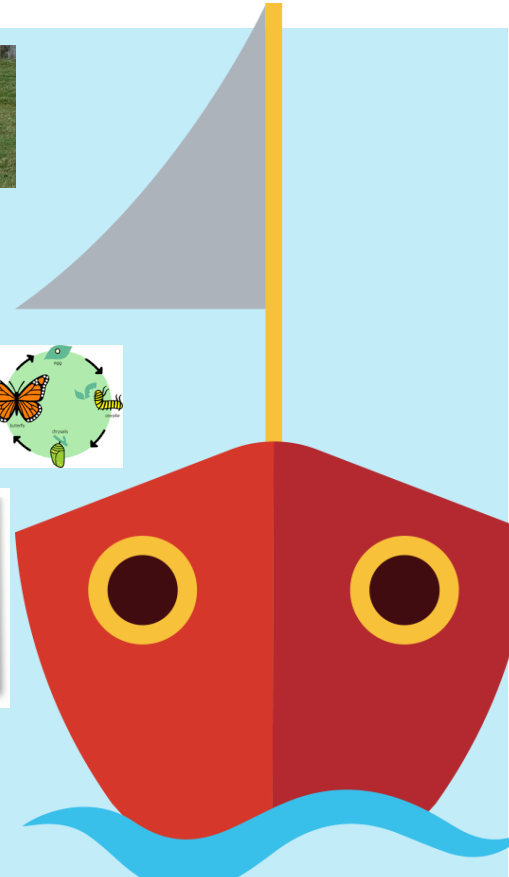
Our learning theme for this half term is **Animals and their Babies**. To start with we will be recapping the life cycle of a caterpillar. We will be learning new ambitious vocabulary such as ‘**enclosure, habitat, and metamorphosis**’ Next, we will be learning about different animals and their habitats,, such as, farms, jungles, and woodlands. 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 drawing and paintings, and towards the end of the half term we will be creating 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 these new ones: **v w y z qu ch**. We will be practicing 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

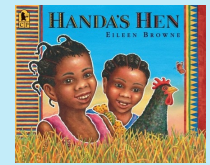
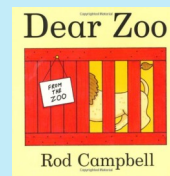
One of our focus areas for this half term is developing the children's independence. For example, we will be working on zipping up coats, taking off and putting on jumpers and ensuring children are confident with using the toilet and washing their hands correctly. This is an area of focus throughout 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 own coats and attempt the zip.
- Allow time to practise putting on an item of clothing themselves, such as a t-shirt or jumper.
- Share any achievements on Tapestry, we would love to see some independent moments!

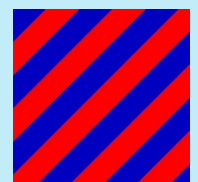
## Literacy



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 'Dear Zoo' By Rod Campbell, and 'Handa's Hen' by Eileen Browne' Children will be encouraged to retell stories and make marks/ pictures to represent these stories as well and use their imaginations to create their own. You can help by sharing stories at home, this can be with any book or the school library books to develop the love of reading.

## Mathematics

In **Maths** this half term, we will be revisiting how to compare groups of objects, using key words 'more' and 'fewer' 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 stair case pattern to support with ordering numbers. Finally, we will be exploring colours and patterns.



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