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## Nursery Newsletter Term 5

### Activities and Experiences

- Observing the log pile
- Introducing sketch books
- Weeding and watering the vegetables beds.
- Hatching eggs
- Woodwork
- Planting sunflowers
- Ramadan

### Ways to support your child at home - Phonics

#### Listening skills

Children need to develop good listening skills to be able to hear a range of different letter sounds. Help your child to develop good listening skills by listening to sounds in the home and in the garden, playing musical instruments, exploring different voice sounds, listening and talking to family and friends.

#### Rhyme and Rhythm

Children need to hear rhyme and rhythm in familiar songs, rhymes and stories. Help your child to make up their own rhymes, songs, rhyming pairs and rhyming strings e.g. hat, cat, mat or make up nonsense words e.g. bing, ting, ling.

#### Alliteration

Alliteration is all about the first letter sound in a word. When helping your child to learn letter sounds say the letter sounds rather than the letter names e.g. 'b' as in 'b ed'. Make collections of objects beginning with the same letter sound so that your child begins to link the sound to letters and words. 'I spy' is a good way of hearing letter sounds and linking them to familiar words, find objects with different initial letter sounds e.g. 'car', 'doll', 'bag' to play the game.

#### Oral blending

To develop writing and reading skills children need to be able to hear letter sounds and phonemes in words. Encourage your child to listen to letter sounds in simple words e.g. "Where is your s-o-ck sock." "B-e-d bed time."

### Key dates for the term

- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May - Stay and Play in the Diamond Building run by Nicola and Parveen for children under three years old, from 8.45 am term time only.
- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May Parents learning day - Phonics
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May - end of term 5
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June - inset no school
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June - start of term 6
- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June - Cotswold Wildlife Park Trip
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June - Nursery sports day morning and afternoon
- Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July - School fete
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July - break up for summer holidays at 2.00pm

