

## Nursery Mini Adventure Context Plan - Summer 1 - Growing and Changing

## **Key Texts**

- The Very Hungry Caterpillar
- Sam Plants a Sunflower Seed

We value the importance of adult modelled reading and storytelling and this takes place on a daily basis in the Explorers' zone.











## **Big Questions**

Can I retell the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar?

Can I demonstrate my knowledge about the lifecycle of a butterfly?

Can I show confidence when taking part in new activities?

Through a variety of Independent and Adult Focused Activities I will be developing the following Skills, Knowledge and Understanding and will use my head, heart and hands to...

Maths	Communication and Language	Literacy	Physical Development
Recite the numbers to 5 and back     Learn the rhyme Five Little Butterflies     Say one number for each item in order 1,2,3,4,5     Know that the last number you reach when counting tells you how many in total (cardinal principle)     Show finger numbers to 5     Compare quantities using the language of more/fewer     Create simple ABAB patterns     Explore the concepts of capacity and weight and make comparisons     Learn the days of the week	Listen to longer stories with increasing attention and recall the main parts of the story     Retell the key stories using talk, story props and symbolic play     Understand simple 'why' questions     Use longer sentences to make my ideas, needs and meaning clear to others     Respond appropriately to a two part instruction     Use vocabulary related to the key texts     Describe fruit and vegetables using adjectives	Explore the phonemes s,a & t     Join in with familiar stories and poems     Join in with repeated refrains and anticipate key events in rhymes and stories     Engage in extended conversations about the key texts and use a variety of related vocabulary.     Count and clap syllables in words     Make marks to represent writing using lines and curves     Retell and re-create key stories in own words using props and resources	Use bean bags and balls to help develop the following skills: throwing, catching, kicking and aiming     Continue to take part in Playdough Disco sessions to develop strength in my fine motor skills     Develop body strength and balance through yoga sessions     Use knives safely and with dexterity to chop fruit and vegetables     Show preference for a dominant hand and use this to make marks
Key Vocabulary Number names, 1,2,3,4,5, total, more, fewer, pattern, capacity, weight, day, week, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday	Key Vocabulary Listen, story, retell, why?, instruction, egg, caterpillar, butterfly, cocoon, chrysalis, sunflower, seed, grow, change, metamorphosis, porridge, pot, plum, strawberry, orange, apple, pear	Key Vocabulary Phoneme, story, poem, clap, syllables, write, egg, caterpillar, butterfly, cocoon, chrysalis, sunflower, seed, grow, change, metamorphosis,	Key Vocabulary bean bag, ball, pass, throw, catch, kick, bat, aim, knife, safely, chop, apple, pear, plum strawberry, orange

Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Understanding the World	Expressive Arts and Design	Religious Education
Demonstrate friendly behaviour and initiate conversations with my peers and adults     Select and use resources independently     Be confident to take part in unfamiliar and new activities     Follow class instructions and rules and know why this is important     Have some understanding about which foods help keep us healthy     Explore how to keep our teeth clean and talk about why this is important	Use books, resources, artefacts, pictures, stories and online sources to investigate and find out about the life cycle of a butterfly and a sunflower     Plant seeds, talk about what they think is going to happen, observe their growth and talk about what they need to grow     Explore the life-cycle of a butterfly, observe, sequence what happens and talk about what they found out     Find out how I've changed from baby to now     Know some parts of my body	Create artistic representations of a caterpillar, butterfly and a sunflower using a variety of mediums and materials     Explore symmetrical printing, crayon resist and marble painting and printing and painting with fruit and vegetables     Create using natural materials found in the environment     Make observational drawings/paintings     Create a range of sounds using a variety of instruments	I will  Now that I am special and I belong to my family and the school family  Begin to understand that the Church is a special place for Christians  Explore how the love of God is shown is Christianity through infant baptism and dedication  Begin to demonstrate the Christian values Respect, Trust, Forgiveness and Hope through daily activities
Key Vocabulary Friend, resources, instruction, healthy, teeth, clean, brush, toothpaste, variety of fruit and vegetable names	Key Vocabulary Lifecycle, similar, different, plant, seed, predict, observe, grow, stem, leaf, bulb, root, flower, petal, sequence, change, baby, toddler, child, body, body part names	Key Vocabulary Caterpillar, butterfly, sunflower, symmetrical, print, resist, paint, natural, materials, mediums, observe, draw, detail, sound, instrument, beat	Key Vocabulary Special, Church, Christians, holy place, Baptism, Christening,Respect, Trust, Forgiveness, Hope

## Time to Shine

My individual 'Time to Shine' opportunities will be linked to the Big Questions and Intentions for Learning and will be derived from the exploration, play, engagement and learning I take part in and demonstrate. These will be observed by the staff and highlighted in my Learning Journey as a Time to Shine along with any other 'wow' moments that may not be linked to the Mini Adventure.