



Squirrels	Step 2	Spring 2 2022
	<p>The Hungry Caterpillar - growing</p>	
<p>Communication, Language and Literacy</p>	<p>Your child will be working on: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • developing their communication skills in all sessions • their communication IEP targets <p>Reading</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our focus this half term is based on the story 'The Hungry Caterpillar' We will use our senses to explore different smells, touches and taste to experience and explore the story. We will be working on matching skills to develop early reading and using play boards to comment and direct when engaging with exciting toys and activities linked to fruits and vegetables. <p>Funky Fingers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will be developing our fine and gross motor, as well as mark making skills through the topic. We will be drawing lines and circles in mud. Using tweezers to pick up different beans or corn. We will be cutting up leaves with scissors and using water sprays to squirt flowers. 	
<p>Personal, Social and Emotional Development and RE</p>	<p>Our RE focus this half term is looking at why we celebrate Easter? We will explore the Easter story through a multi-sensory experience exploring props, toys, food as well as having a play-based session based on Easter.</p> <p>We will have a weekly topic-themed Look and Listen session (following the Attention Autism programme) to develop children's joint attention and listening skills.</p>	
<p>Physical Development</p>	<p>PE - Our dance theme is "Moving Stories" this half term so we will be moving to a range of stories which involve different mini beast and the children will be learning to dance like a mini beast and freeze when the music stops.</p> <p>Ready to Learn sessions will continue on a twice daily basis, this involves the children using therapy balls, ready to learn songs and relaxation sessions to help them to regulate and be ready to learn.</p>	
<p>Cognition/Mathematics</p>	<p>Cognition & Number – In addition to our regular 1:1 session focussed on cognition IEP targets, we will also be exploring items that are big and items that are small. Some of the children will order the items from the biggest to the smallest. We will do this through our topic comparing big and small animals, through song, dance and play sessions.</p>	
<p>Understanding of the World</p>	<p>Science – Our Science sessions will focus on mini beasts. We will be going on a mini beast hunt around school and outside. We will explore different mini beasts in the classroom through sensory exploration play.</p> <p>ICT – Our ICT topic is to experience programming. We will explore the beebots and program them to go in a certain direction. We will use the bee bot and Scratch app on the iPad. We will also use a variety of switch toys to control different toys.</p>	
<p>Expressive Arts and Design</p>	<p>Becky Kate will deliver our Expressive Art and Design sessions this half term. She will focus on colour and explore colour using a variety of equipment to paint, colour, or print different mini beast. There will be exploration of paints, mixing colours to see what colour it makes and lots of play.</p>	