

# Shine at Lyncrest



*Curriculum Newsletter*

*Summer Term 2016*

*Term 5&6*

*Nursery.*

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We had a very busy and successful Spring term. Our topic: People Who Help Us, was a great success and I was so pleased to introduce a topic purely based on the childrens' interests. The role play area, "A Vets Surgery" has been a great opportunity for the children to learn about sharing, taking turns, how to care for others, as well as developing writing and speaking and listening skills.

Our ongoing role play "Our Nursery Recycling Centre" is an excellent way to teach the children about the importance of recycling in our communities aswell as being a great resource for maths.



It is lovely to be starting our Summer term. We welcome three new children into the afternoon nursery Gabija Asya and Eloise. We shall help them settle in and get to know our nursery routines as well as helping them to make new friends.

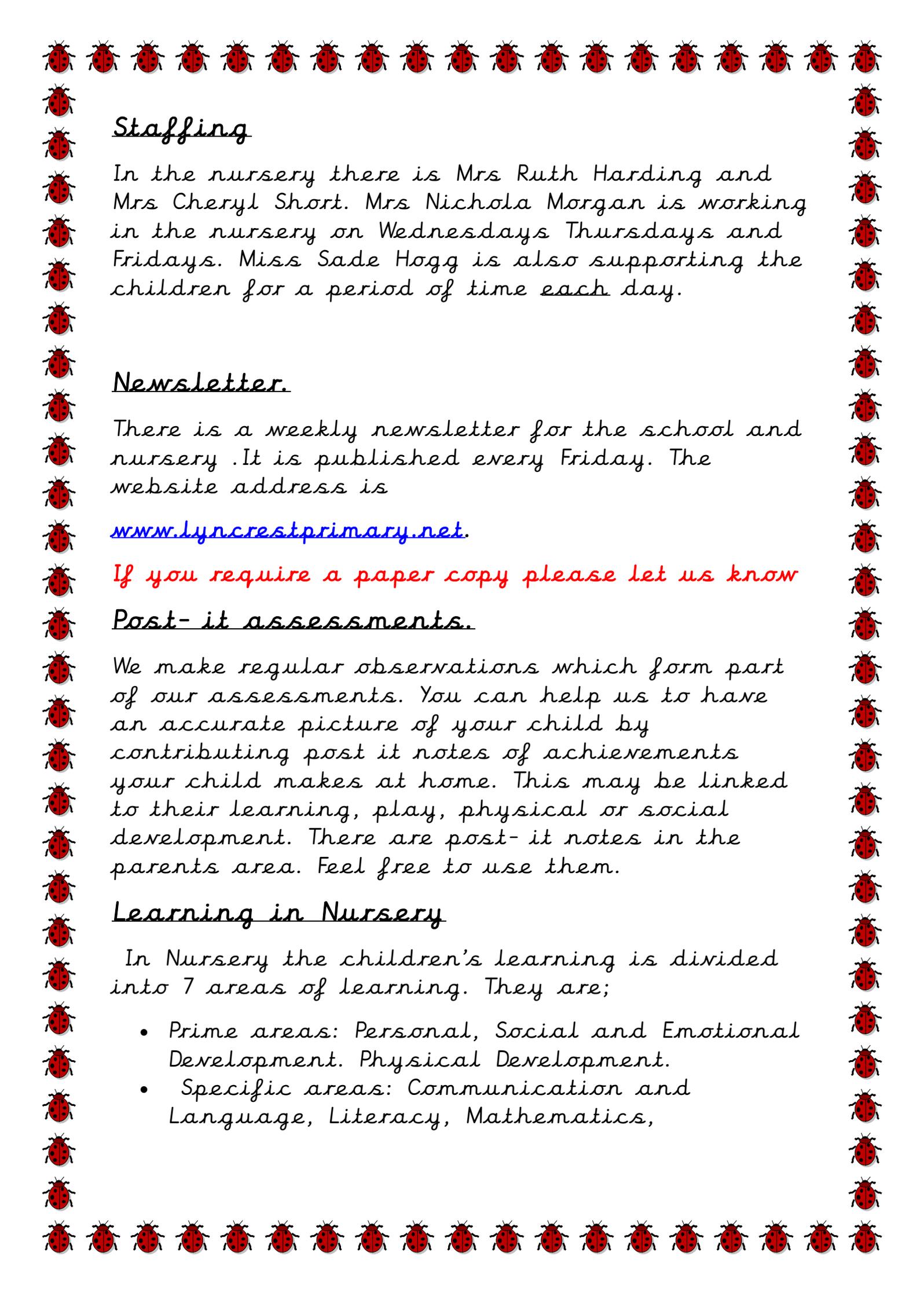


For the 'oldies' in the nursery, they will be challenged this term in all areas of the curriculum as they get ready for going to school.

All children have a key worker.

(The list of groups is in the parents' area)





## Staffing

In the nursery there is Mrs Ruth Harding and Mrs Cheryl Short. Mrs Nichola Morgan is working in the nursery on Wednesdays Thursdays and Fridays. Miss Sade Hogg is also supporting the children for a period of time each day.

## Newsletter.

There is a weekly newsletter for the school and nursery .It is published every Friday. The website address is

[www.lyncrestprimary.net](http://www.lyncrestprimary.net).

If you require a paper copy please let us know

## Post- it assessments.

We make regular observations which form part of our assessments. You can help us to have an accurate picture of your child by contributing post it notes of achievements your child makes at home. This may be linked to their learning, play, physical or social development. There are post- it notes in the parents area. Feel free to use them.

## Learning in Nursery

In Nursery the children's learning is divided into 7 areas of learning. They are;

- Prime areas: Personal, Social and Emotional Development. Physical Development.
- Specific areas: Communication and Language, Literacy, Mathematics,

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*Understanding the World, Expressive Arts  
and Design.*

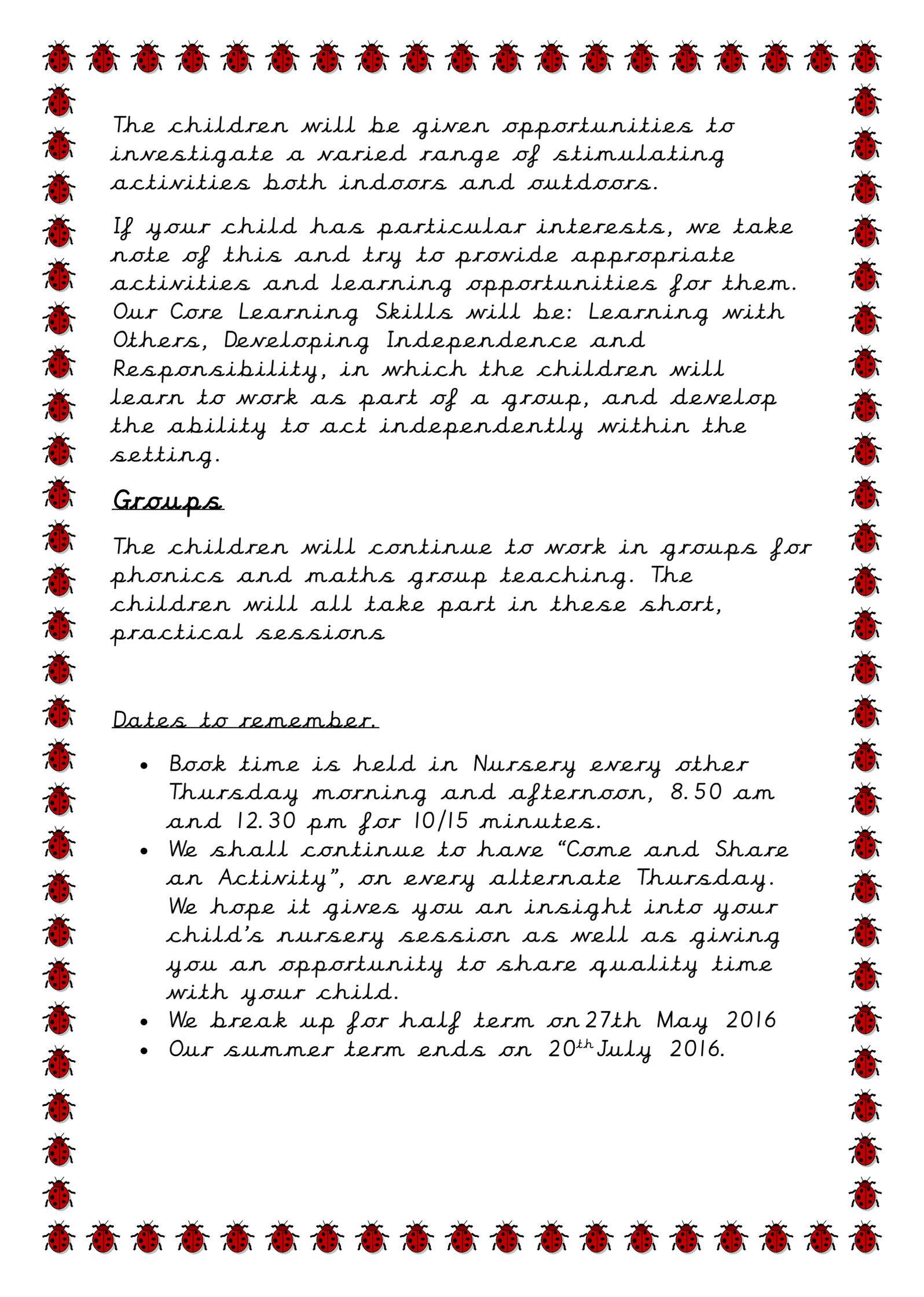
*Children will take part in teacher directed tasks and they will be encouraged to become independent learners, making their own choices with adults to support and challenge them.*

*Here is an outline of what we are focusing on this term. Our topic is "Animals".*

*Within this topic the children will learn about farm animals, wild animals, Noah's Ark, and life cycles. We have a planned visit from Ark Farm, which will be a fantastic culmination to our topic. Fraser and Tam, the farmers, are very experienced at working with very young children. Our previous visits from them have been excellent and enjoyed by all.*

*We also hope to have a visit from Pets At Home. Such visits help to bring our topic alive! They will bring some baby animals for the children to handle and they will learn about how to care for animals. We have had them visit us in the past and it has been a great talking point.*

*To learn about life cycles, we will be visiting one of our school governor's gardens where the children will get to see frogs and newts.*



The children will be given opportunities to investigate a varied range of stimulating activities both indoors and outdoors.

If your child has particular interests, we take note of this and try to provide appropriate activities and learning opportunities for them. Our Core Learning Skills will be: Learning with Others, Developing Independence and Responsibility, in which the children will learn to work as part of a group, and develop the ability to act independently within the setting.

### Groups

The children will continue to work in groups for phonics and maths group teaching. The children will all take part in these short, practical sessions

### Dates to remember.

- Book time is held in Nursery every other Thursday morning and afternoon, 8.50 am and 12.30 pm for 10/15 minutes.
- We shall continue to have "Come and Share an Activity", on every alternate Thursday. We hope it gives you an insight into your child's nursery session as well as giving you an opportunity to share quality time with your child.
- We break up for half term on 27th May 2016
- Our summer term ends on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2016.