



Prime Areas

Message from Carle Class

In Carle class we are looking forward to the better weather that spring will bring. PE will continue to be on a Thursday with Mrs. Lambeth. Please ensure reading books are in school everyday as it has been noticed that children are not always bringing these back. We try to read with as many children daily as possible.

Communication and language

It was clear from our recent Welcomm assessments that we need to spend a little more time on exploring and using positional language so this will be a particular focus this half term.



Personal, social and emotional

The theme this half term is about keeping healthy, we will explore exercise eating healthy, sleep and the importance of handwashing.



Physical Development

We will support children in developing their **gross motor skills** through activities such as balancing, climbing, and moving in different ways, helping them to notice how their bodies grow stronger and more coordinated.



Home Learning

To support **positional language**, talk with your child about where objects are using words such as *in, on, under, behind, next to, in front of, and between*. You could play simple games such as hiding a toy and giving clues about where it is, building with blocks and describing positions, or giving instructions like "Put the teddy **on** the chair" or "Stand **behind** the door."



Specific Areas and characteristics

Literacy



Reception will be working on special friends in phonics and nursery will continue with set one. Our texts will include Rosie's Walk  
What the ladybird heard  
The Tiny seed and The Very hungry caterpillar.

Understanding the World

We will be exploring plants and minibeast life cycles. We also we be looking at Chinese culture during our Chinese new year day



Maths



Reception will be exploring doubles, length and height and looking at numbers 9-10  
Nursery will be looking at dots (subitising) exploring position and counting out 5.



Expressive arts and design

We will be exploring still life drawing. We will explore Chinese music and dance as part of our new year celebrations.



Characteristics of effective learning

Whilst exploring how people, animals and plants grow and change over time. We will encourage them to be curious and ask questions, try new challenges and think about what they have learned. The children will have opportunities to investigate, solve problems and share their ideas as they learn about growth and change in the world around them

