Dates for your diary this half term at Strong Close

Parental Consultations for children who returned to nursery in September in **red, blue** and **yellow** rooms are week commencing **28th April.** Look out for your email inviting you to book a time with your child's key person.

Forest School sessions delivered by Get Out More will run from **24th April -15th May** in the afternoons for some of the children in the 3-5 year old rooms.

Caterpillars -From the **21st April** we will have some caterpillar eggs for the children to see first hand how they metamorphose into butterflies. This will provide opportunities to teach the children about different life cycles.

John our new gardener will be at school every Friday both morning and afternoon from Friday **25th April**. He will be helping the children to look after our allotment and to plant fruit and vegetables we can then eat at nursery.

McRed is a reading for pleasure programme for Dads and Male Carers to read at home with their children every day. This course runs for 3 weeks on **30th April 7th and 14th May.**

Squiggles for Giggles will be held on **14th May at 9.00 am and 3.00pm** for all our families, come along and work with **Rachel our Artist in Residence**.

Toilet Training and Dummies Workshop -find out useful tips on how to support toilet training and help your child to stop using a dummy, which can inhibit your child's speech and negatively affect their oral health if used for too long. Come along to our workshop on **Wednesday 14th May at 12.30pm.**

Parent Café ! - for all parents/ carers on **Thursday 1st May** at 9.00am. Come along for a coffee and a chat.

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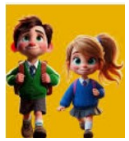

Walk to School Week will take place from **19th-23rd May.** The children in **red** and **purple** will also be taking part in the Living Street Little Feet Elmer programme by going on walks in the local area.

Stay and Play sessions for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers will run on **Tuesday mornings 29th April , 6th and 13th May 9.30– 11.00am,** look out for further information advertised on the flyers or on our Facebook page including selected **Imagination Library Story Telling Sessions for children 0-2 years.** Book a place and find out about simple activities to enhance each story at home**.**

Tuesday 20th and Thursday 22nd May we will be visiting Hesketh Farm Park with our school leavers -**Tuesday 20th May** will be for the children attending on a morning session and beginning of the week and **Thursday 22nd May** will be for the afternoon session and end of the week children.30 hours children will be split between the two days on a first come basis. More information will be sent nearer the time.

Friday 23rd May- School closes for the half term and re opens on **Monday 2nd June.**

Why not download the 50 Things to do Before You're 5 app for lots of age appropriate ideas of activities, places to visit and things to do with your child.

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We will also keep you updated through our weekly 'What's Happening' - copies are emailed to all parents/main carers and are available on our website and Facebook pages.

For all bookable activities in pink overleaf please email office@strongclose.co.uk or call 01535 605272. Thank you

Jeśli potrzebujesz tlumaczenia na jezyk polski uzyj numeru.

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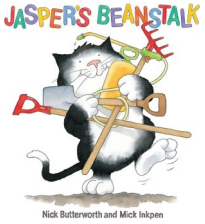
THIS HALF-TERM IN NURSERY

Red and Purple Room – 2-3 year olds

Extending children's interests, knowledge and skills

Last half term, the children in the **red** and **purple** rooms explored mark-making, cared for the ducklings, and began to understand the similarities and differences between people. Next half term, we will focus on further developing their language and vocabulary through our new core story, **Jasper's Beanstalk.** In addition, the children will have the exciting opportunity to grow their own plants, enhancing their understanding of nature and the growth process.

Introducing new knowledge and skills



This half term, the core story in the Red and Purple rooms is Jasper's Beanstalk by Nick Butterworth and Mick Inkpen. In this delightful tale, Jasper the cat plants a beanstalk and discovers the importance of patience, care, and responsibility as he watches it grow. Through this engaging story, children will learn about the growth process and the value of nurturing living things. To extend the learning experience, the children will have the opportunity to grow their own plants, fruits, and vegetables, putting into practice the lessons of patience and responsibility from the story.

How you can help support your child's learning

When you're out and about, it's not just the things you can see that grab your little one's attention. Next time you go out for a walk with them, try getting them to focus on all the different noises you can both hear. Why not visit -**https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/articles/zh47jhv** for more ideas .

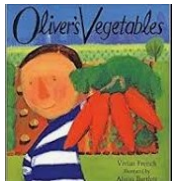
Blue , Yellow and Green Rooms—3-5 year olds

Extending children's interests, knowledge and skills

The children in **blue** and **yellow** rooms have been interested in taking care of the ducklings that came to our nursery and also helping to plant different flowers and vegetables seeds. We will extend this learning by visiting our allotment and planting the seedlings into the raised beds where the children will have the opportunity to watch them grow and change. The children will also taste different fruits and vegetables as well.

In **green** room, the children have been positioning objects numbers and letters. This type of play is linked to the positioning schema where children are experimenting with order and sequence. We will further develop this play through our core story and providing opportunities to develop early maths concepts such as classification, symmetry, order and sequences.

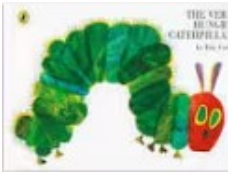
Introducing new knowledge and skills



Our core story this half term in blue and yellow rooms is Oliver's Vegetables written by Vivian French.

This is a story about a little boy who doesn't like eating vegetables, one day his Grandpa sets him a challenge to help him learn to try new foods. The children will have the opportunity to retell the story and talk about the days of the week.To extend the children's learning further we will be talking about the different vegetables that Oliver eats and which they like the best. We will talk about what the vegetables look and taste like and talk about foods that are healthy and unhealthy. Some of the children will also go to visit Asda to look at the vegetables and buy some for snack.

The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle is the core story in green room this half term.

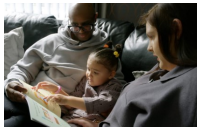


This is a picture book that follows the progress of a very hungry caterpillar as he eats his way through the week. The children will be exploring number, sequencing, days of the week as well as well-being and happiness, growth and change. To extend their learning and bring the story to life, we will be caring for and observing the changes that happen as our nursery caterpillars transform in to beautiful butterflies.

How you can help support your child's learning

At home why not taste different fruits and vegetables and talk with your child about healthy and unhealthy foods, their likes and dislikes.

You could also have a go at planting some seeds together, you could plant the pips out of an apple or the seeds from tomato slices and see if they grow or you could collect items from your garden or the park and make a mini garden on a paper plate. Visit **https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/make-a-mini-garden/z7rm2sg**



Listen to our core stories being read by an adult at nursery on our Facebook page and talk to your child about what they liked about the story. For some quick tips on sharing and retelling stories with your child visit **https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/retelling-stories/z6tnsk7.**

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