



Newsletter

03 May 2024

Oakengates Nursery School

www.oakengatesnurseryschool.co.uk

oakengates.admin@taw.org.uk

01952 387910

Do you want to know more about online safety for preschool aged children?

Internet matters have created a top tips page for parents of 0-5 year olds.

Click on the image below to access the page.



As the weather is warming up please be aware of the Telford & Wrekin sun protection statement to keep us all safe.

Stay in the shade 11-3

Make sure you never burn

Always cover up – wear a t-shirt, hat and wraparound sunglasses

Remember children burn more easily

Then use factor 15+ sunscreen with 5 stars on the back (Higher factor for children)

More information about sun safety can be found on the NHS website by clicking [here](#)

Please don't forget to apply sun cream to your child before they come into nursery. If they are with us all day pop a labelled bottle of cream in their bag so we can reapply at lunchtime.

Also can all children come to nursery with a named sunhat.

Toddlers and Preschool are really looking forward to our visit from Exotic Zoo this week!



Date	Event
9 April	Start of the summer term for the children.
6 May	May Day <i>Nursery is closed to all children</i>
7 May	Exotic Zoo visit to Toddlers and Preschool.
20-24 May	Walk to Nursery Week
27 May	Spring Bank Holiday <i>Nursery is closed to all children</i>
27 May to 31 May	Half term <i>Nursery will also be closed to all children who attend Term Time</i>
3 June	Professional Development Day <i>(Holiday Club only)</i>
17-24 June	National School Sports Week
21 June	Fun Sports Day

Please click [here](#) to access our nursery website term dates page.



Are you eligible for 30 hours funding? Go to:

<https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare>

Do you already have a preschool child with 30 hours funding?

Don't forget you have to confirm your details are up to date every 3 months.

<https://www.gov.uk/sign-in-childcare-account>

Next term our theme in nursery is called:

Let's Investigate!



Toddler Room

This week in the toddler room we will be welcoming our new theme :

'Let's Investigate Mini beasts'

We will be having our own caterpillars delivered to nursery to take care of and observe the changes over the next week and learn about the life cycle of a butterfly.

In the playdough we will be creating long and short caterpillars.

I wonder how many you can make?

On the finger gym we will be using laces and pipe cleaners as our pretend caterpillars and get them to eat around the leaves.

In the art studio we will be exploring mixing colours with our fingers moving them through the paint across the paper like a caterpillar.

"I wonder what happens when the red meets the white?"

Our nursery rhyme of the week is:
"There's a little caterpillar on a leaf".

Preschool

This week in pre-school we will be starting a new topic: **'Let's Investigate Minibeasts'**.

We will be learning all about minibeasts from the Exotic Zoo visit on Tuesday and in the small world area we will be building homes for minibeasts using a range of reclaimed materials and construction kits.

In the art studio we will be making a snail collage in the style of 'Henri Matisse' and in the playdough we will be making our own minibeasts, counting out six legs.

'1,2,3,4,5,6.'

Our rhyme of the week is:
'There's A Spider On The Floor'.



The Snail by Henri Matisse. 1953.

Baby Room

Our focus story will be The Hungry Caterpillar

This week in the Baby room our theme 'Investigating Minibeasts'

In messy play this week we will be exploring lots of different textures in the sensory trays finding the hidden insects.

Finger painting - We will be making up and down movements with our fingers in green paint to create marks, we will have butterfly shaped paper add our marks on.

Outside we will be exploring the garden area and searching for little creatures, will we find wiggly woo the worm?



Nursery Rhyme and Story of the week

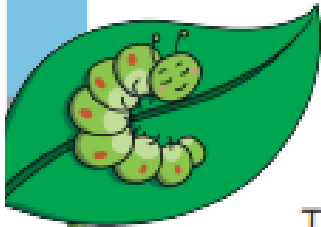
Click on the image to access a story about how Susie's caterpillar transforms into a butterfly.



See Page 3 for the words to:
'There's a Tiny Caterpillar on a Leaf.'

There's a Tiny Caterpillar On A Leaf

(Teach this as a spoken rhyme or choose your own tune.)



There's a tiny caterpillar on a leaf,
Wiggle, wiggle!

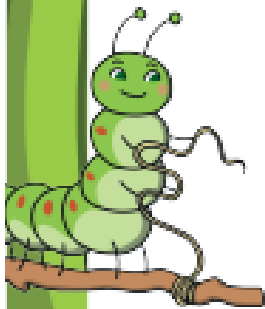
There's a tiny caterpillar on a leaf,
Wiggle, wiggle!

There's a tiny caterpillar, a tiny caterpillar,
There's a tiny caterpillar on a leaf,
Wiggle, wiggle!

He will eat the leaves around him till he's full,
Munch, munch!

He will eat the leaves around him till he's full,
Munch, munch!

He will eat the leaves around him, eat the leaves around him,
He will eat the leaves around him till he's full,
Munch, munch!



A chrysalis is what he's spinning for his home,
Spin, spin!

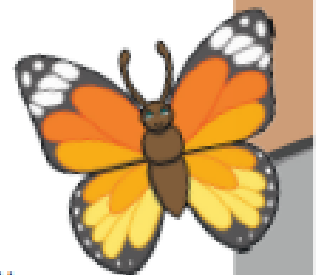
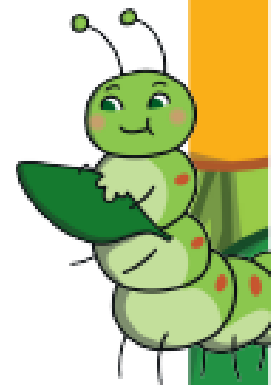
A chrysalis is what he's spinning for his home,
Spin, spin!

A chrysalis is what he's spinning, a chrysalis is what he's spinning,
A chrysalis is what he's spinning for his home,
Spin, spin!

He will be a butterfly and fly like this,
Flap, flap!

He will be a butterfly and fly like this,
Flap, flap!

He will be a butterfly, he will be a butterfly,
He will be a butterfly and fly like this,
Flap, flap!



Health Information

Is my child too ill for nursery?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school or nursery when they're unwell.

There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about managing infectious diseases. These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery each day your child is absent unless the school or nursery agrees a different arrangement. You must let the school or nursery know that your child won't be in and give them the reason.

If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let the school office know.

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

Health Protection Advice Measles

Cases of measles are increasing in the UK, including in the West Midlands, and it's likely that there will be cases in Telford in the near future.

Measles can have serious and sometimes fatal consequences, so make sure your children are up to date with MMR vaccinations, and ask your GP about catch-up jabs if needed. The MMR vaccine is highly effective at protecting against measles.

If you are concerned that your child has measles, please call your GP in the first instance, to reduce the risk of passing the disease to others in the waiting room.

More information on measles can be found and information on the MMR vaccine can be found by following the links below.

Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin Dental Advice Line

Do you have an urgent dental problem or need dental advice?



Are you looking for an NHS dentist for routine care?

Monday to Friday
0800-2100

01743 237916

Shropshire Community Health 

Telford Public Health Nursing Service



Healthy you, Healthy Future

Telephone Number 0333 358 3328

Text 07520 619 053

School nurse 07520 619 051

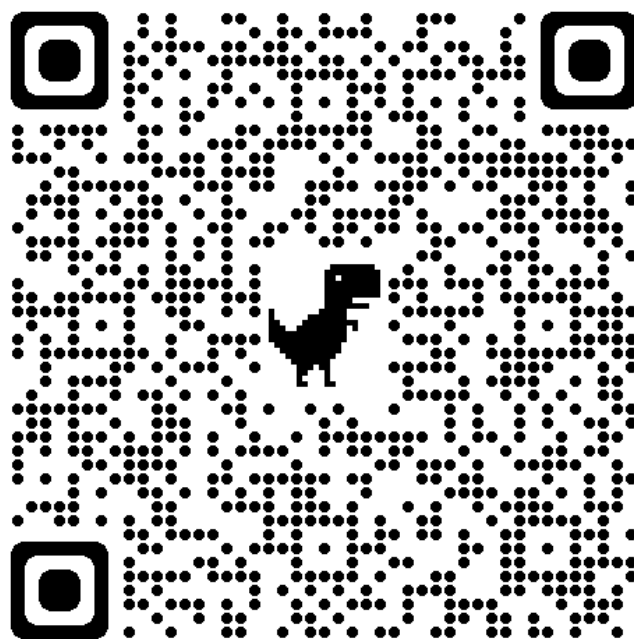
Follow on twitter

@ShropPHNurse Open 9am-4.30pm
excluding bank holidays

Do you know what to expect in the Early Years Foundation Stage?



Use the QR code below to access a guide for parents





Speaking English: Essential for everyday life in UK

Start Date: Thursday 6th June 2024

End Date: Thursday 11th July 2024

Time: 9:30 - 11:30am

Duration: 6 weeks

Location: The Wakes, Oakengates, TF2 6EP

This FREE course is for adults who already speak some English as a second language. During this course, you will improve your confidence in speaking in English and this will help with day to day situations involving numbers, for example shopping and paying with British money and talking about bills, banks and statements.

This course provides an opportunity to help you progress onto an ESOL course that offers a qualification

Eligibility: Adults aged 19+.



SCAN ME