

NEWS 9 – MAY 2026: SUMMER TERM



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WEEK	DATE	LEARNING & INTEREST FOCUS FOR STORIES, SONGS & ACTIVITIES			CELEBRATIONS / EVENTS	wk
MAY		TOPIC: IN THE GARDEN				
		CUB	BEAR	SWAN		
1	28 – 1	What's Hiding?	Bug Hunts	Seeds, Plants & Flowers	SUMMER Term Tue 29	1
2	5 - 8	Bug Hunts	All About Insects	Jack & The Beanstalk		2
3	12 - 15	The Very Hungry Caterpillar		Caterpillar to Butterfly		3
4	19 - 22	Tidbury's Got Talent Week – Interests & Targets			Tidbury's Got Talent	4
5	26- 29	Rockets, planet and space travel				5

EVENTS THIS MONTH ...

TIDBURY'S GOT TALENT – week of 19th May: This is a fundraising event. It is all about getting creative, building confidence, praising our friends, taking turns and filling everyone with lots of joy!! Further information will follow in the first week of May

TOPIC – IN THE GARDEN: What your child will be learning at nursery this month And how you can mirror, extend & support their learning at home

Nursery learning & focus ...	Home learning for the cubs ...	Home learning for the bears ...	Home learning for the swans ...
<p>Support being gentle with insects and the rules for insects - putting back in the bug hotel. What is an insect? Which have wings? Legs? No legs? Antennae? Where do insects live? What do we use when looking for insects and going on bug hunts?</p> <p>What is the weather like today? What will we need to wear when we go outside? Looking at shadows, finding puddles, watching the clouds.</p> <p>What does a plant need to grow? Talk about how we care for our plants and help them to grow. Talk about our nature rules to look carefully but not to pull up things that are growing.</p> <p>Review the children's talents within the group – who has the same talent? Introduce words: microphone, stage, ticket booth, till, judge. Support children clapping, cheering and saying encouraging words to their friends.</p>	<p>Introduce Nursery phrases and signs at home "Rain" and "Sunshine"</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Both open hands with palms facing downwards make short repeated downward movements in front of body.</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Closed hand starts at side and in front of head - hand opens while making a short inward movement.</p> </div> </div> <p>Talk to your cub about the weather when you are out in the garden, park or car. It's raining I will need to switch on the wipers. It's sunny, we will need to wear our ... sunhats.</p> <p>Explore the rain in your welly boots and raincoats its just as fun as playing in the sun.</p> <p>Go on a bug hunt in the garden with your cub. Support them lifting up pots, stones, sticks and looking carefully – is anything moving? Support being kind and gentle with the insects that you find.</p>	<p>Go on a bug hunt together... where will the bugs be hiding? Support them looking closely and talking about what they've found. Does the insect have legs, wings, patterns etc. How many insects have we found? Let's count them ...</p> <p>Support your bear with our Rules for Bug Hunts and make sure all bugs are not kept out of their homes too long and returned.</p> <p>Before going outside to play or on a journey with your bear, try standing outside together and checking - is it hot or cold today? "I think it's a bit chilly today, we will need to put on our ... coats!" "Today it's really sunny let's get our sun hats to protect our ... eyes and head" Leave a pause -can they fill in the end and suggest what they need?</p> <p>Support your bear checking the soil and plants in the garden. Has it been raining – is the soil wet? Do we need to help our plants grow with some water? "No they are too wet" "Yes they are dry".</p> <p>Support your bear caring for and watering the plants.</p>	<p>Go out in the garden or park and spot things growing, new leaves, shoots, flowers? Talk about some nature rules, let's look carefully, smell the flowers and touch them gently, but remember to leave the flowers where they are growing, will they look different next time we see them?</p> <p>Can you spot any caterpillars? Butterflies? Look closely at nearby plants and low trees you may spot a caterpillar crawling. What will happen to them next? Where do butterflies like to land?</p> <p>Check flower pots – is the soil wet or dry? Is it too wet? What can I do to help our plants grow? What happens if we give them too much water? Are they getting enough sun or maybe too much?</p>