#### Personal, Social, Emotional Development

During this half term we will be continuing to develop our understanding of friendships and learning how to take other people's feelings into consideration. We will also be talking about ourselves and identifying some things that we are really good at. We will continue to support the children through this difficult time encouraging them to discuss their feelings and reach out to the school community with regular emails, posts on Tapestry and photographs that they can then see celebrated on our CVS Facebook page.

Literacy

We will continue to learn how to write simple sentences independently by saying their sentence out loud, sounding the first word out, writing the sounds they hear, checking what they've written and then moving onto the next word. We will continue to use capital letters, word spaces and full stops. We will be covering texts such as The Very Hungry Caterpillar to tie in with our CVS caterpillars that we are watching grow on our Facebook page. We will be revising digraphs and building a strong knowledge of the first 100 high frequency words.

# Understanding the World

We will be looking closely at similarities and differences between living things. We will also be looking for mini-beasts within their gardens and local area. We will be learning about life-cycles of different insects such as caterpillars and tadpoles. We hope that the children will be able to spend lots of time outside observing how plants change every day. You will receive regular updates on the Butterfly potato project. When it gets warmer there will be lots of water play and investigating which materials float and which sink.

#### Communication and Language

Whilst at home we hope the children will continue to take opportunities where they can sit and concentrate for longer periods of time in order to prepare them for Year 1. We hope that sometimes they will be able to listen to stories without pictures, possibly listening to Cheebies radio or podcasts. We will continue to encourage the children to explain their knowledge and understanding, ask questions and chat freely about their lives. We hope that they might still be able to carry out their weekly show and tell sessions with their family.

# Summer Term 2020

Butterfly Class - Reception 1<sup>st</sup> half - Fairy Tales and Zoo Animals 2<sup>nd</sup> half - Mini Beasts/Materials/Summer Safety and Pirates

Miss Taylor

# Characteristics of Effective Learning

We will be looking for the children to demonstrate whether they are active learners, enjoy creating and thinking critically or thrive playing and exploring. We know that they already show a 'can do' attitude and we will be building on this as they finish the foundation stage under exceptional circumstances and start to prepare for Year 1. We hope that in the home environment they will enjoy achieving what they set out to do such as doing puzzles, playing board games, baking and helping to do simple house work such as sorting the recycling and pairing socks!

#### Physical Development

We know that the children will continue to carry out daily exercise possibly by doing Joe Wicks, playing in the garden and going for long walks in the countryside. We hope that you will continue to regularly check Facebook for our ideas and updates from our P.E team. We will be continuing to work on developing letter formation and presentation of handwriting. We hope that through their creative work they will continue to be confident using scissors and one handed tools.

#### **Mathematics**

We will be continuing our work on number recognition, focusing heavily on numbers 10-20 and beyond to prepare for Year 1. We need to make sure the children get into the habit of forming every number correctly and neatly. We need to practice saying what is one more or less than any number from 1 to 20. The children are learning to add and subtract using equipment. We will also be recapping 3D/2D shapes, talking about time, learning about money and doing lots of practical measuring work.

# Expressive Art and Design

In the first half of the summer term we will be acting out various traditional tales themselves using props and puppets that they might have. During this difficult time we will be encouraging them to derive pleasure from creative activities such as drawing, painting, printing and collage work. We hope that they will carry out the suggested creative activities but also plan to do some of their own which will hopefully be inspired by their own interests and talents. We hope that they will build lots of models with construction materials indoors and out.