

Dear Parent / Carer

Welcome back. The children have settled beautifully after the Easter break and they have also helped our new children to settle in.. The Nursery staff ready and raring to go with another busy and fun packed half term ahead!



Our topic this term is **Minibeasts** and will be split as follows: (Not set in stone)

Week 1 and 2 - what we know about
Creepy crawlies- Spider focus

Week 3 - Busy Buzy Bees

Week 4 - Fancy Flutterers

Week 5 - Ladybird, Ladybird

Week 6/ Ugly Bugs. (Ugly Bug Ball week)

7 - Assessment. (Will go over into the summer 2 term)



Reading

We will be starting a simple guided reading session with the older children (and those who are ready) to prepare them for their Reception year. We have been doing guided reading as a class but we will be breaking it up into smaller groups this term. Simpler reading sessions will begin for PM children too.

Pact Books

The pact books are absolutely lovely please keep the lovely work coming. We will be continuing them as before and please put in any comments, things children have said etc for us to read. Don't forget the **wow** slips!

Role Play Areas this term

Summer Kitchen

Minibeast Garden

Understanding the World

(Science, History, Geography ICT RE)

ICT:

We will be using the mouse to play some games on the computer/. The Beebot (small robot shaped as a bee) and programmable bugs will also be exciting additions to our ICT work.



RE

We will be introducing the children to some well known bible stories through the term. We will be looking at the story of Noah in more depth and completing some activities around this story.

Science:

We will be thinking about how we can care for our environment and the living things in the environment.

The minibeasts topic offers children many opportunities to explore and investigate, to make observations and to ask questions. They can extend their awareness and knowledge of the local environment as they search for minibeasts and discover their different habitats. We will be working in our wildlife garden and the children will help us to look after it.

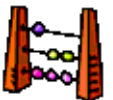
Numeracy

We will be covering number patterns, recognising numerals, knowing what counting is used for and solving number problems. We will also be using the language of shape and position, copying and describing patterns and making our own patterns. In support of the above mentioned activities we will be working on seasonal patterns and revising/ learning, days of the week, months of the year and the names of the four seasons.

We will be solving simple problems with minibeasts using their knowledge of addition and subtraction. This will be on a very practical basis. For the older children we will be looking at the stories of numbers up to 10.

Communication Language and Literacy

We will have group and class stories and respond to these stories by retelling the story, dramatising it, talking about the characters and thinking about where the story takes place. Non-fiction text will be used to find out about minibeasts and children will be encouraged to find information for themselves. We will be doing lots of circle time to develop speaking and listening skills. There will be work on letter sounds O on listening skills wuch is our phase 1 phonics



P.E.

Our focus PE will take place on Tuesday for (PM children) and Wednesday (AM) children.

We will be concentrating on developing games skills e.g. throwing, catching, kicking and striking. We will be completing some creative dance around the minibeast topic.

Shorts, t-shirt and a pair of slip on pumps/trainers will be needed for outdoor activities. Please can you label all PE kit as well as the school uniform/ own clothes? It saves so much time when helping them to change independently and reduces teachers stress levels!! Many thanks.

Being Independent/Change

We will be doing a variety of fun activities to promote our independent skills. We will also be thinking about change, starting nursery, going into Reception etc alongside change related to our Minibeast topic. Lots of outdoor activities will also take place.

Once again your support is overwhelming and very gratefully received by all of us. The partnership of parents is so important in supporting each child's holistic development not just the academic part. We never tire of saying a huge thank you for continued support for our Nursery and our school.

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together.