

Nursery curriculum newsletter

Summer term 2nd half

June 2024



We have a very exciting half term ahead of us learning about minibeasts, how they live and change, through stories by Eric Carle, Julia Donaldson and Mick Inkpen.

Communication and language

Learning lots of language about minibeasts, animals and their homes. A greater emphasis on learning new words, for example the name of an animal home and words that extend the children's breadth of experience about minibeasts.

The children will be encouraged to think about 'why' things happen and to give reasons explaining 'how' and 'because'. We will continue with activities to help us think about opposite words. Our focus on rhyme, alliteration and phonic blending (repeating words from segmented letter sounds) continues through our daily rhyme-time and Little Wandle phonics which will focus on -ck, x, sh, th, ng and nk.

Literacy

The minibeast stories by Eric Carle will be our focus this half term.

Including new rhymes, songs and Makaton signs to help us recall and recite. We will be learning how to speak a full sentence and include interesting words.

Maths

The Maths focus will continue to encourage recognition of number and introduce addition and subtraction, thinking about how a number can be made from a pair of smaller numbers. We will be using mathematical words to describe and explain size, weight and length.

Personal, Social, and Emotional Development

This half term is about getting ready to join school. We will think about being ready, safe and respectful (friendly). This will also include caring for minibeasts and the places they choose to live.

The children are being encouraged to select their own resources for free activities and to take ownership of their learning and exploring.

Physical Development

For our rising reception children they will be learning to hold a pencil with greater confidence and write their name. Regularly we will use fine objects to help our fine skills grow strong, for example scissors, tweezers, elastic bands and mini-pegs. Outside is often about moving large bikes and trikes, a selection that is rotated for interest. We will encourage target throwing, kicking and careful digging.

Knowledge and

Understanding of the world

Looking at homes for minibeasts in stories, non-fiction and around our site. Understanding about different places for a home and how some animals change as they grow and their needs change.

Expressive art and design

We will have lots to make and create with collage in the style of Eric Carle, including wax resist, adding texture, scrape away and printing. Much of Eric Carle's art is about colour. We will listen to The Ugly Bug Ball and sing songs about bugs!

