

Topic

We have already started a fun filled topic of minibeasts and wriggly creatures. Our classroom is full of talk of worms and their habitat but we will also have some other wriggly visitors over the next few weeks.

The children will learn about the life of a variety of garden creatures, how they are helpful (or not) and what we can do to look after them.

Looking ahead...

We will build on our topic from this term and look at the habitats and life cycles of some other animals close to home and around the world.

Maths

In Maths this term, children are beginning to make connections between counting, numerals and number bonds. This builds a foundation for doing mental and written Maths in the coming weeks and months. We are starting with number bonds to five.

MINIBEASTS AND WRIGGLY CREATURES



Literacy

Our Literacy books link directly with our topic this term so we are starting with a book about worms and will be looking at a popular rhyming book series after half term called 'Oi Frog'.

Phonics and Reading

Children continue to learn more graphemes (sounds) daily in Phonics and are encouraged to always blend the sounds they read in books. The book we have concentrated on in Guided Reading will continue to come home each Friday with the intention that it is read four times by the child throughout the course of the following week to receive a ticket into the half termly raffle. Please encourage your child to sound talk and blend each word out loud independently. Then they should re-read each sentence when they have worked out the words. We continue to visit the library in school once a week for the children to bring home a book for you to read to them.

The Arts

Art and craft continues to be freely available to the children but there are often guided activities or focus tasks for the children to take part in as well. These crafts may link to our topic work, RE, PSHE or any other area of our curriculum. In Music we will be focusing on music and movement.

PSHE & Relationship Education

Our PSHE this term centres around who we can look up to as our role models and how to be a good role model to other people in our personal and spiritual lives. We are hoping to have some visitors into school to enhance this learning.

Computing

This term for ICT we will be looking at programming using 'beebots' and staying safe online.

P.E.

Children in Reception are privileged to have Mrs Rabey and Mrs Evans from the Sports commission teaching all of their PE sessions this term. We will be focussing on movement and gymnastics over the coming weeks.

N.B. Children will NOT be able to participate in PE if they are wearing earrings. If they cannot remove their earrings themselves, they must be taped over at home. PE now takes place on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Dates for the diary:

20th - 24th February – Half term

7th March – Parents Evening (early)

8th March – Parents Evening (late)

22nd March – Reception Dental Check ups

27th – 31st March – Book Week

6th April – End of term (12:45)

Please check the parent newsletters, Dojo or the school website for more dates.

Don't forget...

All children have fruit and water for their mid-morning snack every day. Please ensure they have a named piece of fruit and a **NAMED** water bottle with them every morning.

Home-learning Information

- Reading - **Please sign and return your child's blue reading record** when they have completed a book. Please remember that it is as valuable to them to talk about the story, the characters and the words in the story as it is to simply read the text.
- Numbots – online programs for children to practice their number work. Your child's login is in the front of their blue reading record.
- Children in Reception visit our school Library every week. One library book may be borrowed at a time and should be returned weekly. These are good books to read TO your children, rather than them reading to you to encourage a love of reading.

Things to remember:

Monday	PE lesson – PE kit needed Book bag and reading book Library book changed – Mrs Le Marre's class
Tuesday	Book bag and reading book
Wednesday	PE lesson - PE kit needed Book bag and reading book Library book changed – Miss Solway's class
Thursday	Book bag and reading book (books collected in)
Friday	Book bag and reading book New reading book issued

Please make sure that anything that comes into school has your child's name on it.
Thank you!

Contacting us

Check out what we're up to on Class Dojo.



Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or queries. Messages about illness or absence should be left with the school secretary to pass on. Non urgent messages can be sent via Dojo and we will endeavour to respond to those as quickly as possible.