

Our Phonics Learning

This half term the children will be learning some new phase 3 sounds, including:

ai, ee, igh, oa, oo, oo, ow, ow, air, ar, ear, ur, er, or, ure

Tricky words: they, me, be, we, she, he, my, by, you, are, here, her, were,

You could help your child with their phonics learning by:

- Reading your child's reading book regularly at home and filling in the reading diary.
- Practise all of the sounds sent home in your child's homework book.
- Practise the tricky words sent home in your child's homework book.
- Practise writing short captions/sentences.
- Blend sounds into words e.g. can you get your c-oa-t.

In RE the children will be learning all about the celebration of Easter and why we celebrate it. The children will be looking at the special days surrounding Easter such as Palm Sunday.



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The title of our current topic is:

It's a Bug's Life

This half term we will be learning all about minibeasts! The children will be exploring different types of bugs and will have some hands-on experience handling and looking after different minibeasts.

We will be learning where minibeasts are found, what makes them a minibeast, similarities and differences between them, and we will also be exploring the life cycle of a butterfly.

The children will be taking part in lots of minibeast themed activities, including a minibeast hunt, visit from Zoo Lab, creating a bug hotel, junk modelling minibeasts and learning all about different bugs and their habitats.

Our focus texts this half term are 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and 'Mad About Minibeasts. We will be retelling and sequencing stories, practising writing labels and captions and will be building up a Fact File about different Minibeasts.

Other news & updates about our class:

Book bags must be brought each day, reading books will be changed every Friday.

Please can we remember that only silver or gold circular studs are allowed to be worn at school.

Please label all of your child's clothes so they do not get lost or taken home with the wrong child.

Our Mathematics Learning

This half term the children will:

In Mastery Number the children will be continuing to develop their subitising and counting skills and explore the composition of numbers within and beyond 5. They will begin to identify when two sets are equal or unequal and connect two equal groups to doubles. They will begin to connect quantities to numerals.

During 'Shape, Space and Measure' we will be extending our learning of repeating patterns from 'A,B', to 'A,B,C' patterns. We will also be looking at comparing weight, height and capacity.

You could help your child with their Maths learning by:

- Singing counting songs that focus on counting forwards and encourage the children to join in with the actions '1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Once I Caught a Fish Alive'
- Compare groups of objects using language of fewer than, more than, equal to.
- Talk and explore with doubles, e.g. you have 4 cups, that is double 2.
- Subitising games – flash up to 7 objects under a blanket – can your child quickly spot how many without counting?