

Our Literacy Learning

In Literacy we will be reading and writing all about 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar', the children will begin to write short captions relating to the story.

The children will be retelling the story and working together to act out the story sequence. We will be exploring the different fruits that are discussed in the text and the children will continue to practice writing lists and labels linking to 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'.

We will also be looking at a non-fiction book called 'Mad About Minibeasts'. Throughout our time exploring this text we will be building up a fact file about some of the different minibeasts that we encountered in the book.

Our Phonics Learning

The children have now been taught all of the sounds linked to the phonics programme for Reception.

Over the next half term we will be revisiting these sounds and beginning to read longer words using all of the phase 3 sounds. We will also be reading words ending in 'ing', es, words with 's' in the middle, and words with two or more digraphs.

How you can help support Literacy at home:

- Sharing books
- Blending sounds into words e.g, can you get your h-a-t? Can you touch your h-ea-d?
- Practice the sounds and tricky words in the homework books
- Writing their name

Websites:

[https://www.littlewandlelettersandsound.org.uk/resources/for-parents/ Nursery](https://www.littlewandlelettersandsound.org.uk/resources/for-parents/Nursery)
[Rhymes and Songs - BBC Teach](#)

Reception Newsletter

Spring 2

Topic: It's a Bugs 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 that we come across on our bug hunt.

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 Bug Ball, minibeast hunt, visit from Zoo Lab, creating a bug hotel, junk modelling minibeasts and much more.

Other news & updates about our class:

PE will take place on Wednesday mornings, please send your child into school in their PE kits every Wednesday.

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

Please practice the sounds and words in your child's homework book and tick when this has been done. Please also focus on the tricky words!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to Miss Hall or Mrs Knight.

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

Our Maths Learning

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.

How you can help support Maths at home:

- 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'; 'Two Little Dicky Birds Sitting On a Wall'.
- Use coloured cubes to find different ways of making 6 and 7
- 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?



