

EYFS NEWS

Beautiful Bugs!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back!

We hope you have all had a relaxing half term break.

Our topic this half term is all about beautiful bugs! We will be exploring and learning about all different types of mini-beasts that we see in our garden.

Literacy

This term we will be enjoying lots of story books each week that allow us to learn about mini-beasts. We will be learning about one mini-beast a week through our range of varied and exciting books! Through the stories, we will learn facts about the mini-beasts and begin to record the information we have learnt through drawing pictures and writing sentences.

We will be writing character descriptions about the characters in the stories and we will have a go at writing short stories about the bugs we are learning about.

Nursery have begun to practice writing their names in the morning and Reception are now having handwriting lessons to form our letters correctly.

Maths

This term, Nursery are exploring the numbers 5 and 6. Through using numicon, the children are learning about the composition of the numbers and are practicing recognising these numbers in different representations. This term, the children will also move on to learning about mass/capacity and the common 2D and 3D shapes. Reception will be learning about 3D shapes, along with exploring spatial awareness and reasoning. We will continue to explore the composition of numbers up to 10.

Understanding the World

This term we are learning about mini-beasts in our local environment. Throughout the weeks we will be exploring:

- The Bee – labelling the body parts and learning about the life cycle.
- The Spider – the importance of the web.
- The Worm – their job in the ecosystem.
- The caterpillar – the life cycle of a caterpillar. The difference of adult and infant.
- The ladybird – classifying insects. Where are insects in the food chain?
- Mini-beasts! – How can we protect them in our environment?

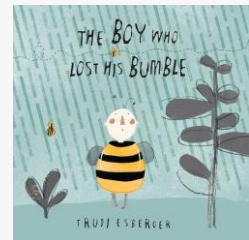
Throughout this term, we will be doing lots of hands-on explorations outside in our school environment. We will be searching for mini-beasts looking closely at the location of their habitat and what they require to survive.

Expressive Art and Design

This term we will be using art to capture our learning about the mini-beasts we are looking at throughout the weeks. We will be concentrating on mark making, using various techniques and media to form different marks on the page. We will look at artists such as Nessa Darcy who creates prints of insects using a variety of colour.

Personal, Social and emotional Development

This term we will be learning about a 'Healthy Me'. We will talk about what being healthy means and how we can be healthy through the routines that we have and the food that we eat.



The Boy who lost his Bumble
By Trudy Esberger

Physical Development

This half term the children will be learning how to play cooperatively within a game situation.

Nursery have P.E on **Thursdays**.
Reception have P.E on **Thursdays** and **Fridays**.

Please make sure that your child comes into school wearing their P.E kit and trainers. All children must come into school wearing their school t-shirt and jumper/cardigan.

Reading

We hear your child read every week within class through 1:1 reading with the TA or Teacher.

Your child now has a reading log book to take home for you to fill in when they have read at home. We ask that children read every night as we recognise the importance of reading. We change your child's reading book every Friday so **please bring your book bag in school for us to do so.**

PHONICS

This term all of Reception will be at various stages through phase 3. This is when we will learn the different digraphs: sh, ch, th which are two letters which make one sound. Nursery are continuing to learn phase 2 single letter sounds. Through these lessons, the children are practising recognising and forming the alphabet letters.



Thank you for all of your support and if you have any questions, please come and see us!

Mrs. Holstein, Miss May, Mrs. Butterworth and Mrs. Burns