

Reception Newsletter Summer 1 2017

Welcome to summer term in Reception! We are looking forward to the warmer weather as we will be outside hunting for mini-beasts as part of our new topic!

Thank you for all of your donations so far for cooking, the children get so much out of it so we really appreciate your contribution. Please send your £2 per for this half term in a named envelope either to class or to the school office.



Communication and Language

We will be:

- Listening and responding to other's ideas.
- Listening to stories related to the mini beast theme.
- Responding to stories and relating these to our own experiences.
- Retelling stories through acting out and ordering pictures.
 - Joining in with repeated refrains in stories.
 - To use talk to imagine and recreate.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We are learning to:

- Work alongside others.
- Take turns and share fairly.
- Listen and speak in familiar and unfamiliar groups.
- Understand what is right, wrong and why.
- Be kind and caring towards others.

Mathematics

We are learning to:

- Solve number problems including doubling halving and sharing.
- To count in twos, fives and tens.
- Explore the properties of 2D and 3D shapes, naming and talking about their features.
- To make repeating patterns and explore symmetry.
- Learn about money and use it in practical contexts to pay and give change using amounts to 20p.
- Record simple number problems
- Explore simple addition and subtraction problems.

Literacy

We are learning to:

- Read and explore a variety of stories about mini-beasts .
- Look at non-fiction books on mini-beasts.
- Act out the stories using small world, masks and puppets.
- Learn to read and write simple sentences.

Please encourage your child to write at home using the graphemes, phonemes and tricky words that we have learnt so far this year.

Creepy Crawlies



Physical Development

We are learning to:

- Move different parts of our bodies.
- Move to music and make own routine for the Hungry Caterpillar
To play simple team games using equipment.
To throw, catch and kick balls.
- Make up simple dances to mini-beast music.

PE is on a Tuesday so please make sure your child has their kit in school and that their name is in every piece of clothing.

Expressive Arts and Design

We are going to:

- Play in our role-play area - Garden Centre & Fruit and Vegetable stall.
- Learn lots of new songs and rhymes about mini-beasts
- Make split pin ladybirds and models of different mini-beasts.
- Paint pictures of bees, worms, spiders, ladybirds, caterpillars and butterflies.
- Use play dough to make mini-beasts.

Understanding the World -

We are learning to:

- Grow plants and observe changes.
- Observe different plant and mini-beast life cycles.
- Explore a range of materials and habitats.
- Programme the bee bots and use a range of technology.
- Make mini-beast cupcakes.

Please continue to support us at home by listening to your child read their books and the words in their word pots. Please practise recognising numbers and counting to 20. If you want any further ideas on how to support your child's learning please don't hesitate to ask.

If you have any concerns or questions please don't hesitate to speak to Miss Wilson, Mrs Eldred or Miss Peel. Thank you for your support.

