

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 more animals.

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 this week and moving on over the next few weeks.

MINIBEASTS AND WRIGGLY CREATURES



Literacy

Our Literacy books link directly with our topic this term so we have started with a book about worms and will be looking at a popular rhyming book 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. We have altered our reading sessions to suit the children more so the children receive three guided reading sessions in class each week. The book we have concentrated on will then come home each Friday with the intention that it is read three times by the child throughout the course of the following week. Every Monday children will bring home a book that is to read for pleasure. They can read it themselves if they want to but you will most likely need to give them some words at times. Every Thursday the children visit the Library in school and 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 usually link to our topic work but may also have a connection to RE, PSHE or any other area of our curriculum.

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. We are hoping to be able to have a visit from a police officer during this term who will tell the children what a police officer does and how to contact the police in an emergency.

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 from the Sports commission teaching all of their PE sessions this term. We will be focussing on 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 takes place on Wednesdays and Thursdays in Reception.

Dates for the diary:

7th February – Dental screening in school

15th February – Parents Evening (early)

16th February – Parents Evening (late)

21st-25th February – Half term

7th April – End of term (13:00)

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 in the morning.

Things to remember:

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| Monday | Book bag and reading book Reading for pleasure book changed. |
| Tuesday | Book bag and reading book |
| Wednesday | PE lesson - PE kit needed Book bag and reading book |
| Thursday | PE lesson – PE kit needed Book bag and reading book Library book changed |
| Friday | Book bag and reading book Reading book changed |

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

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.

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.