

RECEPTION SUMMER 1

NEWSLETTER



What can we look forward to this half term?

Our exciting topic this term is 'Minibeasts'. This topic will help your children explore the fascinating world of small creatures such as insects, spiders and worms, and learn about where they live and how they move. Your child will have the opportunity to take part in bug hunts, listen to new stories, create arts and crafts inspired by minibeasts and join in lots of discussions. We will also be observing minibeasts in our outdoor area to give the children real-life experiences and a deeper understanding of the natural world.

A Note From Mrs McGahan

Hi Everyone, I can't believe we are already in the summer term! The children thoroughly enjoyed our last topic, People Who Help Us. It has been lovely to see their enthusiasm and curiosity grow.

We are now looking forward to igniting their imaginations with our new topic, Minibeasts. The children will be making observations of the butterfly life cycle and will even have the exciting opportunity to watch our own butterflies hatch. We'll also be spending plenty of time outdoors, going on bug hunts and investigating the habitats of different minibeasts.

We will finish the topic with a fantastic Bug Ball, which I'm sure the children will love.

We're all set for a term full of outdoor learning, discovery, and fun!



Supporting Your Child at Home



Encourage your child to read regularly. Encourage and support your child in completing tasks from this half term's learning log, linked to our topic.

Useful maths websites: Numbots, Maths frame and Top Marks.

Phonics: Please speak to Mrs McGahan if you would like any additional support

Oxford Owl: a resource to support children with their reading. All children have their own login.

Reminders

- Your child will take part in a PE lesson on a Thursday morning.
- Please send books and reading records into school daily
- Wellington boots are brought in (or kept at school) for Wednesdays 'Welly Walk'.
- If your child is going to be collected by another adult, please contact the office

Diary Dates

Please see our SBS Calendar Dates which is sent out with our weekly newsletter.

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LEARNING LOG



Can you create a junk model bug?

Can you choose your favourite bug and create your own junk model?



Where do butterflies come from?

Create a butterfly life cycle mobile. Can you explain the process to grown up?



Can you write a story?

Write your own version of 'The very hungry caterpillar' but change the food it eats to something different. What food will you include? Can you draw pictures?



Can we save the honeybee?

Investigate plants and flowers that are bee friendly. Create an area in your garden to plant some bee friendly flowers or find an area in a local park. Sit and observe how many bees visit. Can you create a table and record your results using a tally.

Tally	Frequency
II	2
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Why does a ladybird have spots?

Investigate how insects protect themselves from predators. How do they blend in with their surroundings? Make a collage using natural objects from the garden to create a picture of a minibeast.



Doubles to 20!

Can you make doubles by using paint and paper. You may want to make a butterfly or a ladybird! Can you predict what the double will be?

