



Rabbit Class Newsletter

Term 5 April 2022



Welcome back to the summer term!

In this newsletter you will find information on what we are studying this term as well as general information and key dates for your diary. As ever, should you have any questions, do contact us via Classdojo or, if a quick query, catch us at the end of the day.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Mrs Thornley & Mrs Bond



Topic this term Creep, Crawl and Wriggle



The children will learn all about the different minibeasts which live in our environment and learn how to treat them with respect. We will explore different lifecycles and habitats, going on minibeast hunts in the school grounds and building our own bug hotels.

We will explore the stories of the 'Very Hungry Caterpillar, The Bad Tempered Ladybird, What the Ladybird Heard, Mad About Minibeasts as well as a selection of non-fiction texts.

We have lots of fun exploring our natural environment and will be observing our very own caterpillars change into butterflies and creating our own wormeries. We will be learning how to draw in the style of Eric Carle and looking at the artist Matisse as we recreate his famous snail picture in collage.

The children will use Talk for Writing actions to help them to learn and retell stories based on a minibeast theme. They will use props and puppets to support their story telling and begin to create their own stories.

We are again focusing on encouraging independent writing this term and storytelling. Please assist your child at home by continuing to complete the weekly homework diaries and help them with learning to read and spell those tricky words.

Key experience: The children will be participating in a minibeast hunt within our forest school area, building their own bug hotels and wormeries. We will also be watching our very own caterpillars grow and change into butterflies.

Key outcomes: The children will be aware of different minibeasts found in their environment and we shall be investigating the lifecycles of different minibeasts.



Discrete Teaching Programmes

Maths

This term we are focussing on developing our addition and subtraction skills, including learning by heart our number bonds to 10. We will be looking at number patterns within 20 including odd and even numbers, correct formation of numbers, sequencing numbers and counting ACCURATELY groups of objects within 20.

Literacy

We will be continuing with the Little Wandle phonics programme, using the digraphs and trigraphs that we have learnt to read longer words. We will be looking at words ending in ing, ed, est and there will be a new selection of tricky words for the children to learn. Tricky words are those words which we need to learn to sight read rather than sound out phonetically as they try and trick us and do not read as they are spelt! Information on the phonics learning and ways of helping your child with their reading will be posted weekly on google classrooms. Please make sure you have a read of the weekly newsletter which updates you on your child's learning and there are also activities / games to help your child reinforce their learning.

RE

Our big question for RE this term is 'What stories are special and why? (Relating to the Old Testament.) Children will be able to recall two stories from the Old Testament that talk about promises and two stories from the Old Testament that talk about trust. They will be able to suggest how these stories help Christian and Jewish people live and be able to talk about what a promise is and why it is important to keep a promise.

PE

We will be continuing to develop our throwing, catching and dribbling skills using a large ball. We will investigate using a variety of PE equipment and start to enjoy some team games and relay races.

Additional information: Reading books will continue to be changed on a Monday and Thursday. Children will read in a group within class and have phonic / handwriting lessons daily. Homework will be set on a Friday via Google Classroom. We will be continuing with our weekly diary. Please hand in on a Thursday so they can be marked and sent home again on the Friday. This is to help and encourage independent writing. I will also send home weekly details of what we have been learning along with ideas of how you can support your child at home. Library will continue to run on a MONDAY after school.

Hopefully the weather will improve and we will have lots of sunny days! Please provide your child with a sun hat and ensure you put sun cream on them in the morning. It is a good idea to provide your child with a thin coat in case of those summer showers. We go outdoors in all weather. Please ensure outdoor waterproofs are in school for our forest school sessions on a Monday and Friday.

Can we also remind parents that children should only bring WATER into school. Bottles are refilled in class if necessary.

Key dates/information

Wednesday 20th April - first day of Term 5
Wednesday 20th April - Phil the Storyteller workshops
Thursday 28th April - class photos
Monday 2nd May - Bank Holiday
Friday 13th May - Muddy Madness
Wednesday 25th May - Jubilee Day - more details to follow
Thursday 26th May - Crazy Hair Day
Thursday 26th May - last day of Term 5 (3.20pm finish)
Tuesday 7th June - first day of Term 6
Friday 22nd July - last day of Term 6 (1.30pm finish)

Dates for reading café yet to be confirmed.

