



Nursery Curriculum Newsletter

Communication & Language

This half term the children will have the opportunity to develop their language skills throughout our carpet sessions, as well as through the role-play areas set up within our provision areas. During our circle times, the children will be sharing their experiences, feelings and thoughts about different minibeasts. We will be playing memory and list games like: 'I packed my bag and in it I put...'. The children who will be moving to Upper Foundation Stage will begin to take part in phonic sessions using the Read Write Inc scheme. While, other children will continue to tune into environmental and instrumental sounds. We will be taking part in small group discussions to encourage children to take turns to share their ideas and in turn this will allow the children to work on their listening skills.



How you can support at home?

- Play different memory games with your child such as snap or matching pairs
- Go on a minibeast hunt with your child – talk about the different minibeasts you have found, you may discuss the appearance, number of legs, whether it can fly or not etc.

Vocabulary

Listen, talk, discuss, share, memory, experiences, minibeast, describe, feelings, thoughts, legs, insect, soft, hard, rough, smooth, spots, wings, eyes, nose, mouth, like, dislike.

Physical Development

This half term the children will continue to develop our writing skills. We are encouraging the children to describe what they are drawing as they make marks. We are encouraging and supporting children to write their own names to develop their independence in preparation for Upper Foundation Stage. The children will also be developing their moving and handling skills through stop/go games using traffic light colours and by playing positional and movement games based on different minibeasts.



How you can support at home?

- Encourage your child to write their name.
- Talk about the marks they are making, together you may draw all the minibeasts you have found. This could be presented in the form of a book all about minibeasts.

Vocabulary

Name, write, pencil, draw, games, physical activity, health, exercise, positional, over, under, behind, next to, up, down, through, inside, out, in front, below.

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Personal, Social & Emotional Development

This half term the children will be discussing their feelings towards different minibeasts such as which mini-beasts they like best and why. We will also be discussing which minibeasts we are afraid of and ways in which we could overcome this fear. We will share the story 'The Bad Tempered Ladybird' with the children to help them understand why sometimes we get cross and how we can resolve this. The children will also be learning how to be a good friend and looking at ways in which we can be more considerate to the needs of others.



How you can support at home?

- Encourage your child to share things at home by playing lots of turn-taking games.

Vocabulary

Feelings, emotions, thoughts, experiences, sad, happy, afraid, scared, worried, cross, overcome, fear.

Topic

This half term our topic is 'All Great Creatures'. We will be looking at different minibeasts and this will be enhanced through our role-play activities within the provision areas so children can act out different experiences. We will be reading various books linked to minibeasts such as 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar', 'The Bad-Tempered Ladybird', 'Spinderella' and 'Norman the Slug with the Silly Shell'. We will be having discussions about how we can care for different minibeasts as well as using our mathematical skills work out the children's favourite minibeast. The children will have the opportunity to create their own 3D minibeasts.

How you can support at home?

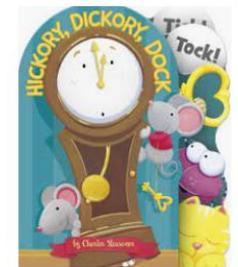
- Create a bug hotel with your child.
- Sing our topic based Nursery Rhymes with your child.

Vocabulary

Minibeast, habitat, insect, legs, spots, hunt, life cycle, care, environment, habitat.

Key Nursery Rhymes

- 5 Little Speckled Frogs
- Little Miss Muffet
- Hickory Dickory Dock
- Incy Wincy Spider
- Wiggly Woo



Key Information & Important Dates

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