

Reception: Summer 1: Minibeast Magic



Dear Parents,

Here are some of the activities we will be covering in Reception this half-term. This overview does not include everything that we will be doing, as many of our topics will be child initiated, but hopefully, it will give you an insight into some of the learning which will be taking place. Learning will take place inside and outside of the classroom.

Physical Development

During PE this half term we will be acquiring new skills in games. During lessons we will be working towards improving our coordination and control. We will be working with a partner to practise our throwing and catching skills. Once we have developed these skills we will then learn simple team games. During our RWI sessions we will practise our letter formation and fine motor skills. We will continue to develop our writing skills through our topic work.

Communication and Language

Through circle time, and our play, we will continue to develop our speaking and listening skills.

We will be studying growth and change in animals, and will observe changes in minibeasts. This will provide rich opportunities to extend vocabulary and explore the meaning of new words.

We will regularly do 'Helicopter Story' and 'Drawing Club' sessions to develop their imagination and story telling skills.

Personal Social and Emotional Development

Following the children's interests, our circle time this half term will relate to our topic to changing and growing.

We will continue to use the dojo system and children will earn green dojos through showing positive learning behaviours and kindness to their peers,

Mathematics

During the Summer term we will start to work with numbers beyond 10. We will use 10 frames to support our understanding of place value in 2-digit numbers. We will look at counting patterns in numbers beyond 10. We will be counting forward and backward daily during our numeracy sessions. We will continue to develop our skills using addition and subtraction.

We will do some more work on shapes, patterns and combining shapes to make images.



Expressive Arts and Design

During this term we will experiment with a range of media such as chalks, pastels and different painting tools.

We will use plants and animals as our focus to inspire us to recreate images such as flower painting and symmetrical butterflies.

Understanding the World

We will be looking closely at the changes that happen as animals grow and change. We will be exploring the life cycles of caterpillars and making observations of a range of minibeasts. We will be learning about growth and will enjoy planting seeds and watching them grow.

Literacy

We will be reading a range of fiction and non-fiction texts and will be using a variety of drama techniques to re-enact and help us to sequence the stories.

Read Write Inc. sessions will continue, with the children consolidating the sounds they have been taught. The children are now becoming confident readers which is pleasing to see.

We will continue to learn irregular words and words which contain more than one syllable.

We will continue to develop and improve our sentence structure which will include finger spaces, capital letters and full stops.