

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely Easter break. We have started our new theme 'I wonder what's in your garden?' Throughout this theme the children will learn about minibeasts.

This week the children have started to think about what they already know about minibeasts and what they would like to find out. For example, they would like to learn about how minibeasts eat and why they don't have back bones. We will also be thinking about how to improve our environment, especially our garden. We will do some planting together and tidy up our outdoor space.

#### Literacy:

The children will learn some more digraphs/trigraphs and consolidate all the other sounds to help apply them to their reading and writing. We will use texts such as 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar', 'What the ladybird heard' and 'Matisse's magical trail'. We will learn about sequencing and writing our own simple stories using story maps.

#### Maths:

We will focus on numbers to 20 and beyond. We will continue to develop our addition and subtraction skills. The children will learn about selecting shapes and moving their positions.

#### Personal Social and Emotional Development:

We will work on looking at the world around us and ways we can look after it. We will think about ways to care for our local area, plants and animals.

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#### Communication and Language:

We will try to extend our sentences to develop ideas e.g. by using 'because'. The children will also think about the rules they need to follow when talking to a partner.

#### Physical development:

We will work on our ball skills. The children will develop the skills of rolling, stopping, bouncing, throwing and catching a ball. We will practice our fine motor skills in pen disco by writing in our handwriting books.

#### Expressive Arts and Design:

We will be experimenting with different materials to make creepy crawly collages and butterfly symmetry paintings. The children will also study the artist Henri Matisse. We will sing a range of well known songs about minibeasts.

#### Understanding the World:

The children will be learning about change and the features of their local area. We will learn about the minibeasts and animals who live in our gardens and how they help our gardens. We will also be looking at the life cycles of different minibeasts e.g. the butterfly.

#### You can continue to help your child by:

- Talking to them about what they are learning and sharing similar texts at home.
- Reinforcing the sounds they are learning at school.
- Reading daily.
- Practising common exception words.
- Giving them opportunities to apply maths in 'real-life' situations such as spending money at a shop.