



Dear Parents/carers,

We hope you have all had a very happy a holiday with lots of fun and relaxation.

During this half term we are learning all about minibeasts.

Week 1 - Introducing minibeasts.

Week 2- Spiders

Week 3 – Snails

Week 4 – ladybirds

Week 5 – Caterpillars and butterflies

In **Understanding the World**, we will be learning about which minibeasts are insects, learning about their environments, what they eat and how they move.

In **Maths** we will:

- continue to practise increasingly familiar subitising arrangements, including those which expose ‘1 more’ or ‘doubles’ patterns
- use subitising skills to enable them to identify when patterns show the same number but in a different arrangement, or when patterns are similar but have a different number
- subitise structured and unstructured patterns, including those which show numbers within 10, in relation to 5 and 10
- be encouraged to identify when it is appropriate to count and when groups can be subitised.
- continue to develop verbal counting to 20 and beyond, including counting from different starting numbers
- continue to develop confidence and accuracy in both verbal and object counting.
- explore the composition of 10.
- order sets of objects, linking this to their understanding of the ordinal number system.

In **Expressive Arts and Design**, we will be printing, drawing from observation, copying Matisse the snail picture as well as looking at the artists Mondrian and Kandinsky.

We will be learning about symmetry through butterfly prints.

In **RE** we are learning about special places, we will be learning about Christian worship and what happens at church. We will be learning about the special event of a wedding.

In **P.E** we are learning and practising ball skills.

## **Special Dates**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May No School Bank Holiday

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June No School Inset Day

## **To Help Your Child at Home**

Do check your child's book bag every day

- **Bring their diary and reading book and Ditty books / sheets to school every day.**  
Please always leave their books inside their book bags. The black and white paper copies of the Read Write Inc books are ones that they have read at school and need to practise.

Please look after these books as we only have 20 copies of each and they are very expensive to buy as a set, even though they look cheap! We need to pass them on to a different child each week and it causes problems if they are ripped or not returned. Thank you for your support in this.

- **Learn / Practise phonic special friends sounds from sheets in book bag.**  
Once the special friends can be read, please practise writing them and ensure they are recognised in their reading books.
- **Read with your child every night**, 5 minutes every day makes a massive difference to their progress and confidence. As homework we expect this to happen at least four days a week. Please sign your child's reading diary so that we know they have read.
- **Practise correct letter formation**, please use the rhymes in the phonic books.
- Please practise the correct formation of numbers 1-10
- **Help your child to write a simple sentence each week**, remembering finger spaces and full stops. Let them sound out words phonetically and attempt their own spelling.
- Look around the garden or park at living and non-living things.
- Borrow story and information books on minibeasts from the library.

We are encouraging the children to drink water throughout the day. Please ensure they have a water bottle with them each day and that all clothes are labelled. We always have unnamed jumpers and cardigans left each day. As Summer approaches please ensure that your child has suncream applied at home and a sun hat as well as a raincoat!! We usually go outside whatever the weather.

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform and black shoes, coloured trainers only

to be worn on Thursdays for PE.

Please remove tattoos as per the school policy – especially not to be worn on faces.

In Reception, headlice are a constant battle – please be vigilant, check regularly and treat as need be.

Thank you so much for all your support and for having such lovely, fabulous children for us to teach. We are looking forward to a sunny and busy half term.

Kindest regards,  
The Reception Team