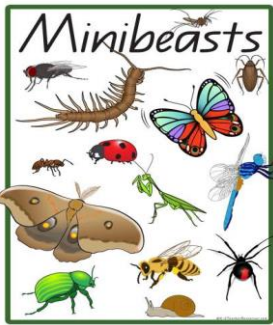


Nursery

Summer Term 5

2016-2017

**Reading**

Please read stories with your child every day in your own language. Nursery children take home a library book every Friday.

Toy library will take place every Friday in the outdoor area between the classrooms. Please come and borrow a toy or a book for the week. Toys/books should be returned the following Friday.

Important dates

On **Wednesday 24th May** we will be visiting Morden Hall Park to hunt for some minibeasts! If you are able to accompany us as a helper, please see Ms Williams.

You are invited to...**Our planting event and cake sale!**

On Thursday 11th May we will be planting some flowers and vegetables. Please come along and do some planting with your child from 2.30 onwards.

We will also be holding a cake sale at 3.30 on the same day. Please bring in cakes and biscuits to sell. You can send these in with your child to school in the morning. The money raised will fund our trip to Morden Hall Park. Thank you all in advance for your support.



This term our learning will be based around the theme of:

'Minibeasts'

Pupils will learn about the following...

Personal, Social and Emotional Development: Pupils will continue to develop their independence through a mixture of adult-led activities and opportunities to choose resources and activities independently. Pupils will be encouraged to take turns and share resources and consider the needs and feelings of others and join in with routines such as tidy up times. In assemblies pupils will learn about their own rights and be encouraged to think about children around the world who are not able to access their rights.

Physical Development: Pupils will continue to develop their gross motor skills and fine motor control through a variety of engaging activities both in the classroom and the outdoor area. All pupils will be encouraged to write their names independently and children moving up to Reception in September will be encouraged to write letters using the correct cursive formation.

Communication and Language: Pupils will listen to stories every day and will look at books with adults and independently during book times. Pupils will be encouraged to develop an interest in books and a passion for reading. They will be supported to maintain attention during short carpet sessions and will be encouraged to ask and answer questions about the stories they hear. Family group sessions will focus on developing listening skills to prepare pupils for the move to Reception. Our key stories this term will be 'The Very Busy Spider', 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and 'Superworm'.

Literacy: All pupils will be encouraged to hear and say initial sounds in words and continue to practise recognising letters and saying letter sounds. Pupils moving up to Reception will start to blend sounds together to read and write simple three letter words. Pupils will be encouraged to write the letters from their name independently and in cursive script. Pupils will be introduced to the key vocabulary for the topic and will start to use these words to describe the characteristics of minibeasts and share their knowledge and understanding of the topic.

Mathematics: All pupils will be encouraged to recognise, order and compare numerals to ten. Pupils moving up to Reception in September will be encouraged to recognise numerals to twenty and match quantities to these. This term pupils will focus on naming 2D shapes and describing their properties and will be learning and using the language of measures.

Understanding the World: Pupils will be learning about minibeasts and their habitats and will be encouraged to look for insects in the outdoor area and observe their similarities and differences.

Expressive Arts and Design: Pupils will take part in a variety of engaging art activities relating to our theme and will have the opportunity to explore paint and other media in both the indoor and outdoor areas. Pupils will be encouraged to make models using a variety of equipment.

You can help your child to succeed by doing the following:

- Daily reading with your child – especially stories at bedtime!
- Talking with your child and encouraging them to talk in sentences
- Regular routines at home and plenty of sleep
- Looking for numbers and shapes when out and about with your child
- Practising their name in cursive script

Welcome back to the summer term. If you have any questions about your child's learning please speak to a member of the team. Ms Williams and the Nursery team