

FOUNDATION FLYER



Monday 14th May 2018

Topic - Minibeasts

Mad About Minibeasts: The children will explore the rhyming book 'Mad About Minibeasts' and they will be encouraged to write their own short rhyming poem. In maths we will be 'making' two digit numbers, counting out a given amount using tens frames and diennes.

Non-Fiction Minibeasts: We will be looking at different types of minibeasts, their similarities and differences. In literacy we will be writing fact sheets about some minibeasts, finding out facts using books from the school library and using the internet.

In other activities they will create minibeast homes using a variety of construction materials, go on a minibeast hunt in the Nature Discovery area and play a minibeast bingo game. We will also be watching the life cycle of butterflies with our very own butterfly eggs in the classroom.

Hot weather

As the weather is getting warmer please ensure your child has a named water bottle and sun hat in school each day. If the weather is particularly sunny please put sun cream on your child each morning to ensure they are protected from the hot sun (please note we are unable to reapply sun cream during the day). 'Once a day' creams are recommended.

Red words

Currently in each literacy and phonics session we are reading a selection of 'Red Words' and 'High Frequency Words'. 'Red Words' are words which children can not use their phonics sounds to sound out and unfortunately just 'need to learn' and 'High Frequency Words' are words which may or may not be 'Red Words' but are words which appear most frequently in books. A list of these words are available in the back of your child's reading challenge or ask a member of staff for the list of 45 Foundation stage words. Please could you have a look at these words with your child at home, the more of these words they are able to read (and spell) before Year One the better start they will have to Key Stage One writing.

Helping at Home

Literacy and Topic

As our new topic is Minibeasts please encourage your child to draw a picture of their favourite Minibeast and write some facts around the edge – we would love to put some of these on our 'Whizzy Writing' celebration board in the classroom.

Maths

Over the past two weeks we have been exploring adding and subtraction. See if your child can give you a maths 'problem' at home or maybe you could give them one (using real life things to add/subtract) – please Tapestry this for us to share in class.

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