

English

In English we will be reading and retelling the story of 'What the Ladybird Heard' using the text to extend our vocabulary and develop our writing to make it more interesting. We will read both fiction and non-fiction books with a theme of minibeasts such as 'Mad about Minibeasts', 'Superworm' and many more. The children will use innovation to change aspects of the texts to write their own versions. Sharing stories every day will support storytelling and writing and we will continue to follow Oxford Reading Tree's 'Floppy phonics' programme in our daily phonic sessions.

Mathematics

Children will be encouraged through discussion to solve problems across the curriculum, aiming to develop a greater depth of understanding of their counting, addition and subtraction. They will be encouraged to solve these by applying their skills to a range of problems and explain the steps they took. Children will be using multiplication and division in practical activities, sharing equally, using arrays and repeated addition. They will develop their understanding of fractions, learn how to tell time accurately, measure and record using standard units.

Science

In Science we will be looking at the changes from spring to summer. The children will explore the local area for minibeasts and investigate where they live. They will use questions and observation to study them closely and describe their features. Children will study the local area's common flowers, trees and plants and study how they are growing, flowering, and changing.

Music

The children will learn new songs and listen to various pieces of music from classical and modern artists. They will explore instruments to understand how to create mood and feeling while representing animals.

Art and Design

We will be using a variety of media and materials to create pictures, models and collage linked to our topic. The children will use their imagination to create a class display of Minibeasts. They will also use junk modelling, drawing and painting to develop techniques and experience different textures. Study famous artists who have depicted bugs.

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How you can help

Listen regularly to your child read, talk about books, ask questions about the plot, spot interesting words and predict what might happen next. Play games involving counting, adding and taking away. Talk about numbers around them and see if they can spot things in groups of 2, 5 or 10. Explore phonic sounds being taught and encourage them to recognise them in words they might hear or see in other texts or signs. Look for those tricky words too! Try to spot differences in everyday items around them such as plants, animals or buildings.

Computing

Use a range of programs within phonics, topic, maths and music. Develop use of simple programs and use the interactive board. Create simple commands to program.

Geography and History

Children will explore our local area for plants and animals. They will compare this habitat to coastal places and see how weather changes affect them. We will find out about famous people who have studied animals and ask why?

Religious Education

The children will look at creation and the question of who created the world? Following on the class will consider ways to care for our planet and why it is important.

PSHE

The children will explore how to maintain positive friendships and the importance of managing own feelings and behaviours. We will consider ways to co-operate with others and show respect. The children will ensure their behaviours allow others to learn. Look at ways to adapt to change.

P.E

The children will be focused on mastering basic movements including running, jumping, throwing and catching. In addition, they will be developing balance, agility and coordination looking at using these in a range of activities including multi skills circuits, athletics and team games.