



Summer 2026 1st Half Term – Nursery

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful Easter break full of treats and some relaxation! Thank you for the amazing Easter bonnets you created.

From learning about People Who Help Us last half term, this half term we are going small, as our topic is Minibeasts! Each week we will focus on a different bug! Caterpillars and butterflies, bees, ladybirds, snails and spiders, finishing with a more general look at lots of different bugs. We will be taking a look at life cycles, pollination, patterns and symmetry, similarities and differences! We will be using favourite stories such as “The Very Hungry Caterpillar” and “What the Ladybird Heard” as well as looking at non-fiction books and video clips all about these wonderful creatures!

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Bees and ants work together in communities, so we will be talking about teamwork a lot this half term! As a class we will be encouraging the children to help each other, look after our classroom and feel proud of our achievements. Cooperation and negotiation is our aim!

Communication & Language

There will be a lot of new vocabulary and new concepts in this topic, so we will be encouraging a deeper level of listening and attention. We will be asking open ended questions, with an emphasis on “why,” “how,” and “what”. We will be encouraging the children to explain their thoughts using longer sentences.

Physical Development

As the warm weather makes an appearance, the children will continue to make the most of outdoor play. The children will use their fine-motor skills as they practice their cutting with scissors and hold pencils to begin emergent writing. They will be enhancing their gross-motor skills by learning to aim when throwing and catching balls and kicking too.

Literacy

We will continue to teach the children letter sounds using Letterland. We are starting to sound out simple 3 letter words. We are encouraging the children to write their names and attempt to hear and write the initial sound of some words in their emergent writing.

Maths

We will look at insects with 6 legs, spiders with 8 and a snail with one foot! We will count spots and wings and see how numbers can be divided. We will talk about more and less and look at patterns in nature.

Understanding the World

We will be learning about the life cycle of a butterfly, how honey is made, how ladybirds can help in gardens and how a spider makes a web to catch its dinner! We will see how there are similarities and differences in the world of bugs!

Expressive Arts

We will be exploring colour and symmetry when painting butterflies. We will be making slimy snail trails in the water tray, creating a minibeast world with natural objects, and exploring junk materials to create bug homes.

Reminders for this half term

- ★ Please ensure your child comes into school with a washed filled **school** water bottle every day.
- ★ As the weather becomes warmer, please apply sun cream on your child **prior** to coming to school. It is not necessary to bring sun cream into school.
- ★ Please have a **school** sunhat for the warmer weather – these can be purchased from the school office.