

Minibeasts



Lower School Summer Term

This term we will be entering the fascinating world of Minibeasts! *Our Project based learning means that our lessons all link which helps pupils engagement and contextual understanding. Over the Summer Term we will cover Minibeast Stories, Jobs for Minibeasts and MiniBeast Hotels.* In Science we will explore how to look after animals through the wonderful world of creatures and their habitats. We will discuss how to look after our local environment where these creatures can be found. Through ICT we will be learning how to use the internet safely and using ICT as a research tool as well as programming Mini Beast bee bots. In Geography we will learn about the changing seasons whilst looking at the local landscape and the environments Minibeasts would choose to live in. In History we will be looking at the importance of bee hives over the years and conservation for the future. In Art, all of the pupils will be contributing to their own versions of Eric Carle (The Very Hungry Caterpillar) art work and using Austen's Butterfly to practice our growth mindset. In Design and Technology we will design, make and evaluate our own Mini Beast enclosures and a roly poly project. In PSHE we will be exploring the responsibilities we have in looking after our local environment and considering the emotions of the different characters in 'A Bug's Life'. By exploring how insects make their own 'music' we will look at different instruments in The Ugly Bug's Ball and also move like an insect in our dance lessons!

Parent-Pupil Project: To make a Mini Beast model.



Literacy

In Literacy we will improve our information writing by studying the features of these texts whilst researching the world of mini beasts. We will look at the writing styles of Julia Donaldson, Roald Dahl and Eric Carle and how they use mini beasts to tell stories. During this term we will use the mini beast theme to study and adapt our own stories.

Maths

In Maths we will cover Number, Measurement, Ratio and Proportion, Algebra, Geometry and Statistics, the children will have personalised activities that focus on their individual needs and targets. They will also develop their ability to use the skills they have learnt and apply them to problem solving and reasoning activities. The Maths ladders in the Year 2 Home-School Book show the progression of Maths knowledge and skills.

*We will carry on with the four main types of homework that will be set throughout the term: Literacy, Maths, Well Being or Science and Spellings and Times Tables Practise. **Recording is necessary for all the types of homework.** Please feel free to contact Mrs Hawkins, Mrs Pankhida, Mrs Partridge, Mrs Bird, Mr Fletcher, Mr Peck or Mrs Cardy if your child is unsure about how to complete the homework; we are always happy to help. Please remind your child that their homework must be handed in each **Monday morning**. Finally, your child will receive three 'insect eggs' for their team if they read more than four times a week, and complete their weekly homework, so don't forget to sign their Reading Record!*

Reminders: Homework hand in - Monday morning; P.E - Monday and Friday. Please ensure belongings are labelled (water bottles, jumpers etc).

R.E. Christianity P.E. Cricket, Tennis, Athletics including Sports Day, Box2BFit PSHE Staying Safe in the home, sun, water and roads