

Learning

This term we will be learning about all things creepy and crawly by investigating minibeasts. We will be observing different insects, arachnids and invertebrates and looking at their different features and habitats. We will be learning about how to care for each creature and that every living thing has a special job to do and deserves to be cared for.....even if we find them slimy/creepy/scary!

The children will be using their reading and writing skills to investigate minibeasts and to write letters, fact sheets and posters.

We will extend the mathematical concepts previously covered such as adding, number bonds and partitioning and introduce the concepts of subtracting, halving and doubling through a range of practical activities and games.

We will be looking at various artistic techniques such as weaving like a spider, replicating patterns found in nature through printing, painting and pastels and using natural materials to make collages inspired by nature.

Key texts

Ooarggh Spider! – Lydia Monks

Yucky Worms – Vivian French

Bumblebear – Nadia Shireen

What the Ladybird Heard – Julia Donaldson

The Ugly Bug Club – Gail Abbitt

A range of non-fiction texts

Enrichment Events

Thursday 3rd March – World Book Day

Come to school dressed as your favourite book character for a day filled with lots of story based activities.

Wednesday 23rd March – Bug Day

We will be having a bug activity day with bug hunts, bug house building and a visit from Zoolab who will be bringing lots of creepy crawlies for the children to observe, learn about and maybe even hold a few....!

Friday 1st April – Ugly Bug Ball

The children can come to school dressed in clothes inspired by minibeasts – think wings, antennae, spots or stripes or go full on centipede with 99 extra legs! We will have a day of craft, games and celebrating our learning from the term.



Some other points...

- Monday will be our PE day. The children need to come into school dressed in their PE kit.
- We ask that children do not bring in any toys or extra belongings from home as these often get lost or broken.
- The children are doing so well with the new reading scheme books. They should be reading 5 times a week but with the longer Sounds Write books, a few pages a night is perfect. Please record in their reading records whenever they read.
- Please continue to bring in snacks for the children to share, they really benefit from the energy boost it gives them in the afternoon.
- Please remember to send in any wow stars for the children to share with the class if you have run out of wow stars let your class teacher know.