

Literacy

We will be continuing with phonics this term, with most children consolidating their Phase 3 sounds as well as completing Phase 4.

Each letter is taught along with the sound it makes, and has an action to accompany it to help the children remember them. For more information on this please ask. We will also be reading a selection of bug related stories and poems, including 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar', 'What the Ladybird Heard' and 'Superworm'.

Maths

In Maths, we will be learning through a variety of play-based activities to include both numbers to 20, shapes and measures. We will continue to learn how to do basic addition and subtraction, place value and patterns but will also be learning the basics of halving and doubling which form the basis for multiplication and division. All of the children have a Mathletics login which allows them access to a range of mathematical games to play from home on a tablet or PC. 'Hit the button' continues to be a popular game in class - it's a free game available on tablets and PC in which children are challenged to various number problems.

www.uk.mathletics.com

www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will continue to learn about our school values of Friendship, Wisdom, Compassion and Trust as well as focusing on the British Value of Tolerance and Olympic & Paralympic Value of Respect.

This term our topic is:

'It's A Bug's Life!'

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Communication and Language

We will be using our communication and language skills to create finger puppet shows for each other this term. We will also be doing lots of practice in advance of our Reception Assembly on Wednesday 23rd May 2018.

Physical Development

As well as enjoying our free-flow activities outside and use of the climbing frame (when dry), we will also have PE lessons on a **Wednesday** afternoon. Please ensure your child has a labelled PE kit in school. We will be focusing this term on Multi-skills and Athletics. This is in preparation for Sports Day.

Expressive Arts and Design

Linking with our topic, we will be creating our own bug house, looking at Matisse's 'The Snail' and creating our own - as well as learning lots of bug songs.

Understanding the World

As we move through the term, we will consider the seasonal changes happening around us. We will also look at the importance of Christian festivals such as Pentecost, as well as celebrations such as the Royal Wedding. In Science we will be exploring the different types of bugs and how we can classify them. Looking at the important work of Edward Jenner and David Attenborough and how we can help care for our environment and the bugs in it!

Dates for your diary:

Reception Assembly -
Wednesday 23rd May 2018,
9.10am

Faith Comparison Week -
Judaism - Monday 4th June
2018

Sports Day - Tuesday 17th July
2018 from 9.30am

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