

Reception themes - Term 4: Bugs, insects, lifecycles, spring

Communication and Language	PSED	Physical Development
<p>We will continue to discuss our feelings and emotions although our focus this term moves onto questioning and using 'how do you know?' questions to demonstrate understanding. We will be encouraging talk and discussion in order to solve problems. We will also be celebrating World Book Day by listening to favourite stories from some of the adults in school.</p>	<p>Our value of the term is Community. We will be supporting the children to work together by listening, speaking and explaining as well as talking about how we can support our community.</p>	<p>This term we will be focussing on developing our fine motor skills to ensure our handwriting continues to become efficient and accurate.</p> <p>The children will take part in forest school on a Tuesday and PE will continue to be on a Thursday. We will be developing our football skills and learning to kick, pass and shoot the ball.</p>
Literacy	Core Texts	Understanding the World
<p>Our core texts begin with 'Yucky Worms' and 'Do you love bugs?' where the children will be learning facts about worms and creating their own fact files which they are sharing with Mr Field. We will then begin to learn about the life cycle of a frog with the supporting text 'Tad'. We will be beginning to write short sentences using capital letters and full stops. We will also focus on sequencing and retelling the stories and trying to use our new vocabulary to help support our retelling.</p> <p>In phonics, we will continue learning our set 1 and 2 digraphs, two letters that make one sound that we also refer to as 'special friends'. We will also be practising spelling words with 3 or 4 sounds.</p>		<p>This term we will be investigating the natural world in forest school. The children will be planting for Spring and exploring the outdoor area looking for bugs in their natural habitats. As the seasons move from Winter to Spring we will once again be focusing on our garden. We will be preparing our garden ready for planting and will spend time observing changes to the plants that we grow and the animals that visit our garden. Finally, we will be exploring Easter, including Pancake Day.</p>
Maths	Expressive Arts and Design	
<p>This term we will begin learning about mass and capacity. We will then focus on order numbers and finding 'less than'. We will learn about the composition of 7 and how it is made up of 6 and 1 more. Finally we will be learning our doubles within 10 as well as odd and even numbers.</p>	<p>We will be exploring musical instruments by naming them, playing them and listening to them. We will also be using a range of different materials to create artwork of bugs.</p>	