

## **CLASS KB- NURSERY**





We hope you have all had a lovely Easter Break! Welcome to our new nursery children who have joined us.

Our topic for this half term is:

#### **MARVELLOUS MINIBEASTS**



## Communication/Language

We will be sharing our Easter news within our key worker groups. We will also play lots of speaking and listening games. We will continue to develop our language by learning new vocabulary linked to our stories and topic, such as: names of minibeasts, lifecycle, egg, chrysalis. symmetrical. We will also continue to learn and sing a new nursery rhyme each week.

#### **Mathematics**

We will work on numbers four and five; subitising, counting and number recognition. We will continue to look at 2D shapes; naming them and talking about their features. We will also look at length. The children will be introduced to the words 'long' and 'short' to describe the length of something, and we will compare the length of objects, by talking about which is longer and which is shorter.

## **Expressive Arts**

The children will draw simple representations of minibeasts. We will also use paints and chalks to create colourful butterfly pictures.

Our role play area will encourage the children to act out experiences familiar to them. We will sing lots of songs and rhymes about minibeasts.

## Helping your child at home

We would encourage you to share lots of stories together so that your child develops a love of reading from a young age.

You could also:

\*Sing purson rhymos, counting

\*Sing nursery rhymes, counting songs and action rhymes regularly \*Encourage your child to be independent with their self care, such as dressing, hand washing and brushing teeth

\*Using Maths at every given opportunity, e.g. counting steps, the number of dinner plates to put out, numbers they see around them.

## Literacy

Our focus stories for this half term will be 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and 'The Very Busy Spider' both written by Eric Carle, We will also share lots of other stories and look at non fiction books about minibeasts. In phonics the younger children will work on the aspect 'environmental sounds' (listening for sounds around us). The older children will work on the aspect 'Alliteration' (the initial sounds in words) and play oral blending games using 'Fred Talk'.

## Understanding the World

We will learn the names of different minibeasts and look closely at their features. We will observe the life cycle of a butterfly with our very own class caterpillars and the children will be encouraged to talk about what is happening as they grow and change. We will also go on a minibeast hunt.

#### **PSED**

Our Jigsaw lessons this half term will focus on 'Relationships' and how to build positive relationships with family and friends. We will reflect on our values of kindness and respect. We will also be settling in our new children and working on developing new friendships.

# Physical development

We will work on developing our fine and gross motor skills through a variety of fun activities and opportunities, including Yoga, parachute games, riding bikes and scooters, ribbon dancing, scissor skills, threading and finger aerobics. We will also work on ball skills; throwing, catching and kicking a ball.

### Class library

Children are given the opportunity to borrow a book from our class library to share at home. Library books are given out on a Wednesday and are to be returned the following Wednesday. We will leave a box outside for the books to be placed in each week.

#### R.E.

We will continue to learn and use the school prayers which we say at lunch time and home time.

#### Thank you!

Your voluntary contributions last half term helped us to buy ingredients to make chocolate nests and sandwiches.

#### **Important messages**

Please make sure you write your child's name in all clothing items including shoes and on your child's water bottle if they bring one.