



Squirrel Lodge Summer 1 2019 Topic - MINIBEASTS



Dear Parents/ Carers,

This is an overview of what the children in Squirrel Lodge will be learning during the first half of the Summer Term.

Mark making/Writing/Physical Development

The children will be encouraged to mark make both indoor and outdoor. The children will be using different media such as pencil crayons, felt tip pens, chalks and paints. We will be encouraging the children to grip the different pencils correctly. The children will be painting and drawing minibeasts they see outside and our own live caterpillars.

Communication and Language

This term we will be talking about Minibeasts. We will talk to the children about the different minibeasts they see outside, where they live and what they eat. We will be talking about and observing our live caterpillars and their life cycle.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development-School Values

As part of our school values we will be focusing on being kind. The children will be encouraged to take turns and share with their friends.

ICT

This term we will continue to use the I pads to access our new Purple Mash software, playing simple maths and word games related to our Minibeast topic.

Dates to remember:

06.5.19 May Day Bank Holiday 26.05.19 Break up for half term.

Time to Talk

The children will continue to participate in our Time to Talk sessions. This will help the children develop their vocabulary.

Word of the day

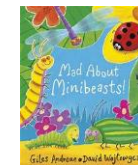
Each day we will focus on one word that corresponds with our story. We will use this word throughout the day in different sentences and contexts to teach the children a wider vocabulary. We will write this word in your child's diary for you to use at home.

Book sharing

Each child in Squirrel Lodge can choose a book each week to share with family members. Please will you encourage your child to talk about the pictures in their book and turn the pages correctly.

Reading

The children will be reading The Very Hungry Caterpillar and Aaaarrgghh Spider, along with other minibeast books. If your child has a favourite minibeast book we would love them to bring it into school to share with us.



Mathematics

This term we will focus on recognising and counting numbers 1 to 10. We will continue to look at basic 2d shapes such as a circle, square, triangle and rectangle. We will also be encouraging the children to match objects to numbers. We will be counting the minibeasts legs, eyes and wings etc.

Understanding the World

The children will be visiting Bob's Garden to explore the outdoor environment. We will be having a minibeast hunt and observing the life cycle and growth of our live caterpillars.

Being Imaginative and Music

This term our role play in the classroom will be a home corner. In the outdoor area the children can role play in the wooden house. In our music area the children can experiment with musical instruments and sing on the stage area. If your child has a favourite song they like to sing and dance to please let us know.