



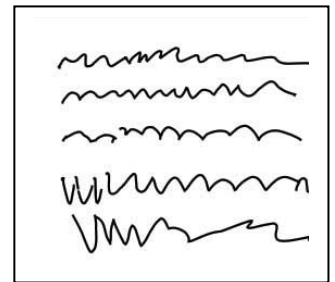
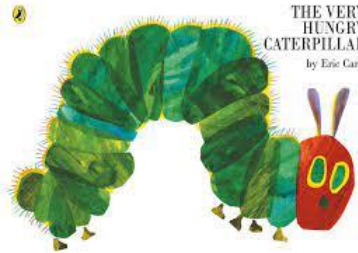
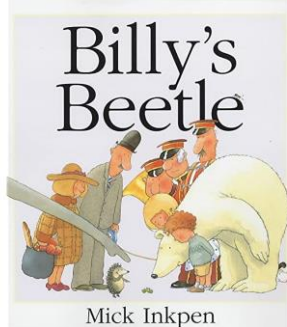
Nursery Newsletter



Summer 1 2024

Our topic this half term is: **Minibeasts** **Are all minibeasts scary?**

Children will hear a variety of stories about minibeasts such as *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, *Spinderella* and *Billy's Beetle*. We will look at some non-fiction books too. We will investigate minibeasts in the forest garden and in the nursery outdoor area such as ladybirds, snails, slugs, worms, spiders and beetles. The children will also learn about the lifecycle of frogs, butterflies and earthworms. They will paint and decorate caterpillars and butterflies and create their own minibeasts using craft materials and clay.



Maths

Number recognition - lots of activities to recap, support and extend children's number recognition.

Addition and subtraction and explore problems based on children's interests.

We will talk about everyday shapes - round, straight, curved, solid, flat, square, circle, oblong, triangle, corners, points etc. Using the shapes to make pictures and patterns and talk about what they have used. Ask the children to pass objects by describing them instead of using their name. Provide a variety of shape objects in role play, sand, water and workshop.

Literacy

The children will be encouraged to repeat words and phrases from familiar stories and join in with repeated refrains and also anticipate key events in rhymes and stories. We will describe main story settings, events and principal characters. We will learn that print carries meaning and, in English, is read from left to right and top to bottom. We will continue to explore rhyme and alliteration. The children will be encouraged to write for different purposes and distinguish between the different marks they make. They will experience a variety of mark making and sensory opportunities.

Dates to remember...

- Monday 6th May school closed for **May Day Bank Holiday**
- Wednesday 8th May 8.45 – 9.30 am and 12.15 - 1.00 pm **Stay and Play Sessions**
- Wednesday 22nd May our own **Minibeast Day** for the children
- Friday 24th May - **Last day of the half term**



You can help by...

- Going on a minibeast hunt in your garden or in the park.
- Making your own bug hotel for your garden, the forest garden or the nursery garden.