

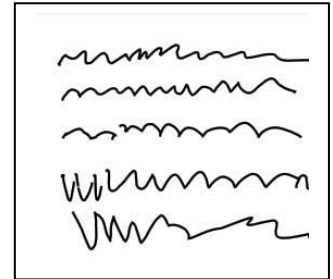
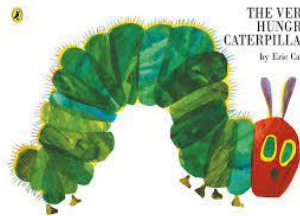
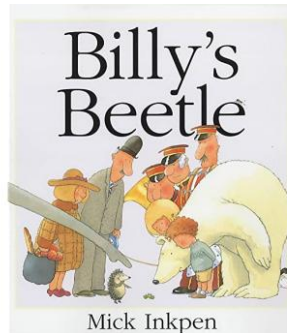
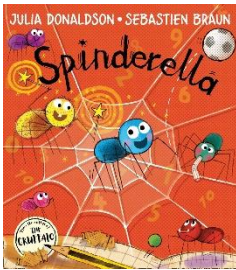
Nursery Newsletter

Summer 1 2026



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 Nursery Outdoor Area and the forest garden such as ladybirds, snails, slugs, worms, spiders and beetles. The children will also learn about the lifecycle of frogs and butterflies. 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. The children will be asked to pass objects by describing them instead of using their name. A variety of shape objects will be provided 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 4th May school closed for **May Day Bank Holiday**
- Monday 18th May 2.15-3.00 pm and Thursday 21st May 8.45-9.30 am **Stay and Play Sessions**.
- Wednesday 20th May our own **Minibeast Day** for the children.
- Friday 22nd May - **last day of the half term** (school reopens Monday 1st June).



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.