

Term six – this term in Reception we will be finding out about . . .

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Changes-Transition to Year 1. This term we will continue our work on preparing the children for the move into Year One. The children from the nursery will be coming to visit and we will show them around our classroom. There will also be visits to the Year One classroom and time to get to know their new teachers ready for September.



Communication and Language and Literacy

The children will be reading and writing about mini-beasts. We will be using simple information books to support our understanding and to find out more about our favourite mini-beasts. We will make simple books, writing about what we have discovered. We will also be using some well-loved stories with a mini-beast theme to develop our reading and writing. These stories will include, *The very hungry caterpillar*, *What the ladybird heard*, *Superworm* and *Mad about mini-beasts*. We will also be using the story of *The Lighthouse Keeper's lunch* to support our learning about lighthouses this term.

Mini-beasts and Lighthouses



Physical Development

We will be using the movements of mini-beasts in our dance and drama work this term. Our P.E. lessons with Mr Castle will be outside, when the weather allows, undertaking running, team games and practicing events for our Sports day. We will also be learning about safety in the sun.



Understanding the World

We will continue to explore growth and change, looking at the life cycles of mini-beasts. We will be observing mini-beasts in our garden and recording what we discover. We will also be exploring our locality and making a visit to St. Margaret's Lighthouse, where we will discover more about this building and the job of a lighthouse keeper.



Mathematics

The children will continue to count, recognise and order numbers. We will continue to practise counting using a 100 square. We will be using coins to carry out simple addition and subtraction. We will be counting in twos, fives and tens. We will be learning our number facts for ten. We will revise doubling and halving, using the spots on ladybirds! We will explore simple symmetry using 2D shapes and butterflies. We will revise measuring and ordering by length using worms!

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be learning songs and rhymes with a mini-beasts theme. The children will create 3D mini-beasts using a variety of recycled materials. We will use butterflies to develop our understanding of symmetry in the natural world. We will explore the summer and use this to inspire our creative work in the classroom. We will create lighthouses using recycled modelling materials.

In Literacy this term we will be learning to . . .

- Blend and read words from Phase 4 with adjacent consonants
- Segment and spell words from Phase 4 with adjacent consonants and spell two-syllable words
 - Read and write longer sentences
 - Read and spell Phase 4 tricky words

Phonics – Letters and Sounds Phase 4 continued,

In phonics we will continue to read and spell words with adjacent consonants and two-syllable words

E.g. cvcc words: jump, lost, pond, chest, paint, toast and bench

E.g. ccvc words: stop, from, clap, steep, bring, float, and sport

E.g. ccvcc, cccvc and cccvcc words: crust, grunt, thank, stamp, and shrink

And continue to blend and read two-syllable words: e.g. sandpit, windmill, starlight, floating, driftwood, printer, twisting, treetop, freshness

We will continue to practise reading the Phase 4 tricky words,

said, so, have, like, some, come, were,

there, little, one, do, when, out, what

We will begin to **spell** some Phase 4 tricky words,

said, so, have, like, some, come

Please keep practising at home – thank you.

In Maths this term we will be learning to . . .

Numbers

- Count, recognise and order numbers to 50 and beyond
 - Use a 100 square to count to 100
 - Count in groups of two, five and ten
 - Recall the number facts for five and ten
 - Recall doubles from 1+1 to 10+10



Shape, space and measure

- Recognise and make simple symmetrical patterns
- Recall and revise 2D shapes and their properties
- Calculate simple addition and subtraction with money
- Measure and compare sizes and lengths of mini-beasts