



EYFS

Summer 1 2018/19

# MINIBEASTS



## Communication and Language

To listen and respond to others appropriately

Expressing themselves effectively

Being aware of the listener's needs

Finding out by asking questions

## Maths

Estimating and counting small amounts

Coin recognition

Addition and subtraction including money

Measuring and ordering by size and weight

Doubling and halving numbers  
Symmetry

## Literacy

Keeping a diary

Labelling Diagrams

Using adjectives to describe creatures

Hearing and writing rhyming strings

Letter formation

Blending sounds to make words

## Understanding the World

Planting beans

Lifecycles of frog and butterfly

Minibeast habitats

Understanding that people and communities are different

## PE

Big apparatus

Playground and circle games

Balancing objects and target games

Moving to music, working with a partner

## Expressive Arts

Making collages

Symmetrical pictures

Using percussion instruments

Colour mixing

Moving to music

## RE

Who was a friend of God?

## PSED

Patience

Care for the environment

Care for living creatures

Water Safety  
Taking risks safely

## Useful Websites

Topmarks

Mathletics

### Notes to Parents and Reminders:

This half term the children will be learning all about minibeasts so expect some fun facts about your favourite creepy crawlies coming home to you. We will also be looking at plant life and growth and will be planting a runner bean seed and keeping a diary about its journey from seed to plant.

**Reading** - As ever we cannot emphasise enough the importance of daily reading with your child. Please continue to look at the 'tricky word' bookmarks too and encourage your child to let us know when they have learnt them so we can give them the next Phase bookmark. Recognition of tricky words by sight really helps develop confidence and fluency in reading. The children are proficient at changing their own book independently, please make sure it is signed when you have read with them.

**Writing** - We are seeing great progress with the children's writing which they are starting to develop with more detail and early punctuation. Their enthusiasm for writing has continued to flourish and we are reading some lovely news! As they develop their writing skills it is important to think about what they want to say before they write and are able to read back what they have written. Correct letter formation is really important too especially as they move up through the school and start cursive writing.

**Maths** - The children really seem to enjoy Maths in Bees class and are gaining confidence in using numbers to solve problems. We always have Maths challenges in the classroom and are encouraging children to apply their knowledge of number, shape, space and measurement. We are also stressing the importance of correct numeral formation. Remember, Maths is everywhere so have fun encouraging your child to look for numerals, patterns, mathematical problems and 2D and 3D shapes all around them.

**Forest School** - Forest School continues on a Wednesday where we will be investigating minibeasts and their habitats. Please ensure the children are clothed appropriately for the weather. Even when it is warm, the children need to wear long sleeves, trousers and closed toed shoes to avoid the possibility of scratches, stings and ticks. We are very fortunate to have a new shed and equipment thanks to the generosity of parents. A massive thank you again for your support with this.

### Key Dates:

24 <sup>th</sup> May	INSET Day
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	INSET Day
8 <sup>th</sup> June	Medieval Fair
13 <sup>th</sup> June	Father's/Grandfather's Day
25 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
26 <sup>th</sup> June	School Trip TBC
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Class Assembly TBC
24 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Term 1.15pm

Bees Class Assembly

24<sup>th</sup> July

End of Term 1.15