

Nursery Newsletter

Summer 1

Welcome Back!

I hope you have had a chance to rest and recharge over the Easter holidays and have been enjoying the longer days. I can't quite believe we are in the summer term already! As always we have a busy half term planned. We are going to be diving into the wonderful world of minibeasts! The children will be learning all about tiny creatures that live all around us, with a special focus on caterpillars and their transformation into butterflies. To bring our learning to life, we will have an exciting opportunity to care for our very own caterpillars, giving us the chance to observe the changes they go through in their life cycle. In addition, we'll be exploring other minibeasts like ladybirds, worms, and spiders, learning about their characteristics, and going on minibeast hunts around the school to see what we can find! To end the half term, we will be going on a trip to Swithen's Farm, which will lead us nicely into our topic around farm animals next half term!



This half term I will

- Go on minibeast hunts.
- Identify and name different minibeast and mark make to record what I notice on a minibeast hunt.
- Identify the features of different minibeasts.
- Talk about why and how a caterpillar changes into a butterfly.
- Discuss the different fruits in the story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and cut up different fruits to make fruit kebabs.
- Make and decorate biscuits.
- Begin to use vocabulary to describe minibeasts (tickly, wriggly, long).
- Listen to information and stories around minibeasts.
- Go on a trip to Swithen's Farm.
- Look after our own caterpillars and observe the change they go through.
- Go on minibeast hunts.
- Continue to experience outdoor learning sessions each week.

You can support your child at home by

- Going on walks and noticing the signs of spring and hunting for minibeasts.
- Continuing to read lots of stories together; talking about the author, characters, title and blurb.
- Asking your child what, where and why questions.
- Completing jigsaws together.
- Encouraging your child to speak in full sentences.
- Allowing your child to carry out small tasks to encourage independence.
- Encouraging your child to do lots of mark making.
- Enjoying spending time together and having fun.
- Supporting your child to form the letters in their name correctly.
- Going to the park and encouraging your child to take risks on climbing equipment.
- Practicing 1:1 counting when out and about e.g. how many cars can you see?

Key Information

Bookbags are to be returned to school on Tuesdays and Thursdays, ready for a new library book to be sent home at the end of the day.
Please make sure all of your child's belongings are labelled, including hats, coats, scarves.