

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Children will learn to show sensitivity to their surroundings, work collaboratively and to express feelings in response to natural objects. They will learn about the importance of staying safe in the sun as well as other ways to stay healthy. Younger children will continue to build secure relationships whilst developing an understanding of rules and daily routines. The older children will model positive behaviour and show care and concern for their new friends; demonstrating how to operate in the unit on a daily basis.

Physical Development

There will be many opportunities to be active outside. During P.E lessons, we will learn some outdoor games and some basic athletic and ball skills. Children will continue to develop fine-motor skills. Through imitating the actions of mini-beasts and enacting lifecycles, children will develop the skills of moving with confidence and imagination. We will participate in Forest School activities and outdoor education as part of our Fantastic Fridays.



Communication, Language

Whilst naming and talking about minibeasts, children will develop their vocabulary and listening skills. They will be encouraged to use the accurate tense as they say what they have found, are looking for and what they think they will find. We will explore questions about minibeasts or things of interest.



Our Wonderful World



Mathematics

This topic provides a meaningful context for mathematical activities which link to everyday experiences. Using natural materials such as flowers, fruit and insects, provide opportunities for children to sort by size, colour and shape. Our focus on minibeasts will give children the opportunity to develop an understanding of addition and subtraction - counting the number of spots altogether for example.

Children also will develop an awareness of time scales, tracking changes to seeds over time, seasonal changes to the environment, learning days of the week, months of the year and names of the seasons.

Literacy

Children will listen to and explore selected non-fiction, fiction and poetry texts, reinforcing and extending their vocabularies. They will mark make for different purposes, and do some non-fiction writing e.g., instructions, fact sheets about mini-beasts. We will continue to use the Read Write Inc phonics scheme to teach the mechanics of sound blending.

Expressive Arts and Design

Children will experience a variety of materials and resources as they weave, make models and explore a range of creative making tasks. Children are encouraged to respond imaginatively to situations and also act out real-life situations. Our indoor role-play area will be a garden centre. Music is used as a way of supporting imaginative movement, exploring pitch, tempo and volume. Children will be encouraged to 'make' an instrument to hang outdoors.

Understanding the World

Children will explore and investigate, make observations and ask questions about the natural world. They will search for mini beasts and discover different habitats. They will explore signs of Spring and develop an understanding of growth, decay and changes over time, including how spring gives way to summer, and the life cycles of different animals. Whilst learning about minibeasts they will learn about the variety of creatures around them and begin to know some similarities and differences between them.

Additional Information

PE: Nursery - Mon, Reception - Mon/Tues - come dressed in PE kit

Forest School Activities: Friday - come dressed in outdoor clothing including long sleeved tops/long trousers

Tapestry: Please continue to share home learning and experiences via Tapestry.

