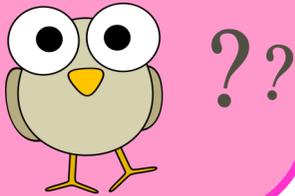


## Communication & Language

This term will continue to focus on developing our speaking and listening skills and model rich language throughout the day. Talk to your child about what they have been learning at school and encourage them to learn and use new words when describing things to you. We will be reading lots of stories around the theme of mini beasts and encouraging children to recall the events in stories and talk about the different characters.



## Physical Development

We will learn to perform the basic fundamental skills of games and gymnastic activities and we will continue to develop a range of basic skills, actions and ideas in the two activity areas.

We will begin to remember and repeat simple skills and actions with increasing control and coordination. Children will choose and identify skills and actions, applying these in sequence and combination. They will observe, copy and describe what they have learnt, and practise throwing and catching a ball.

**Our PE day is Friday.**

**Please ensure that your child brings to school the correct school PE kit and footwear.**

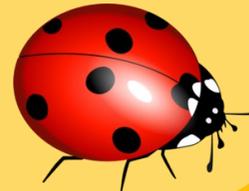
## Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Our topic this half term is:

### Mini Beasts

We will be learning about the different species of mini beasts. The children will learn facts about each mini beast and discover their life cycles. We will be discussing how to look after mini beasts and empathise this with stories around behaviour.

The children will continue to build stories and use available resources to create props to support role-play. We will explore our feelings and think about how different situations make us feel. Children will also be encouraged to identify and celebrate things that they are good at and share this with their peers. We will end the topic with our very exciting **Ugly Bug Ball**, we look forward to sharing our costumes with you in our Ugly Bug Parade, look out for your invitation!



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## English

We will continue to teach phonics four times a week and will focus on literacy activities in order to develop comprehension skills and independent writing. Children will write simple sentences which can be read by themselves and others.

The books that we are sharing with the children in this topic include:

- *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle
- *Aaah Spider* by Lydia Monks
- *Superworm* by Julia Donaldson

Read with your child every day and look at non-fiction books about mini beasts. Encourage your child to practise writing simple sentences independently using capital letters and full stops, ensuring letters are correctly formed.

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We teach our children:

Responsibility  
Initiative  
Curiosity  
Optimism

Independence  
Generosity  
Perseverance  
Social Intelligence

## Mathematics

We will continue learning maths using the Mathematics Mastery programme.

This term we will be learning about numbers beyond 20 and will be given the opportunity to explore numbers up to 50, applying our understanding of counting within 10, counting on and counting back as well as one more and one less.

We will learn about measures, looking at length, weight and capacity.

Finally we will also have opportunities to apply our knowledge of number sense when grouping and sharing. We will explore grouping and sharing and recognise the relationship between the two concepts.



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## Expressive Art & Design

The children will be making different representations of mini beasts selecting a variety of different resources and tools competently and appropriately. They will continue to create music and dance and experiment with ways of changing rhythms.

Continue to support your child by encouraging them to draw, paint and use scissors correctly. Encourage your child to develop their imaginary skills by encouraging inventiveness and offer support and advice when they need it.



## Understanding The World

We will be learning about the life cycles of different mini beasts and labelling diagrams from our observations. We will explore the similarities and differences between mini beasts and sort them into graphs accordingly.

Talk to your child about the different stages in the life cycle of a frog. Use a variety of different media to explore mini beasts by using books in libraries and researching on the internet.

