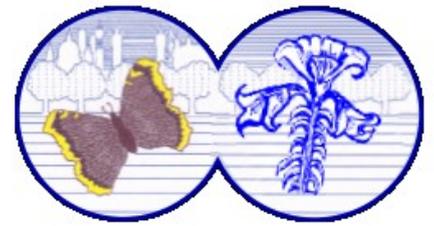
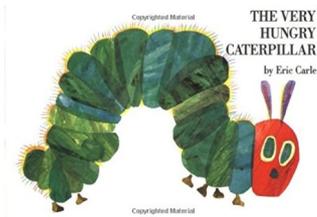


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English

In Literacy, for the first half of the Summer Term we will be learning about non-fiction text, focusing on information about Minibeasts. We will also read a range of fictional books about Minibeasts for example The Very Hungry Caterpillar.

In the second half of the Summer Term, we will cover a range of topics, including superheroes, pirates, mermaids and Under the Sea. We will be exploring lots of exciting texts, creating our own costumes, discovering our own super powers and writing lots of our own super sentences!



Trips

Due to Covid Restrictions we will be investigating our very own garden and finding signs of Minibeast life.



P.E



In the first half of the summer term the children will be focusing on athletics for their outdoor sessions and dance and gymnastics for their indoor sessions.

In the second half of term the children will be getting ready for their first ever Sports Day at school. Their lessons will entail lots of fun and stimulating activities. Sports Day will be a little different this year due to covid restrictions parents may not be able to attend.

Reading

At school, your child reads weekly with an adult. Please look out for and read the 'Next steps' written in your child's diary in order to help you best support your child's progress in reading. When reading with your child you can extend their learning by asking relevant questions about the book they are reading. For example; Who is the main character? What do you think could happen next? What was the story about? What was your favourite part and why? How do you think the story could have ended differently?

Phonics

The children will recap the sound they have already learnt within phase 3,4, and 5 of the Letters and Sounds programme of Phonics this term. Please log on to www.phonicsplay.com to see what is required. There are a variety of fun and effective games which will benefit your child's reading and writing.

Maths



This term we will be learning how to solve problems relating to doubling, sharing, adding and subtracting. We will be adding and subtracting using a range of different methods. The children have been using objects, their fingers and even a number-line and to count on and back. Children are also able to record their answers in number sentences i.e. $18-2=16$.

Children will be focusing on learning how to recognise, name and describe some of the features of 2d and 3d shapes. They will be engaged in lots of exciting activities hunting inside and outside for objects in school that are cuboids, spheres, cubes and cones! Ask your child if they can find anything at home that matches those 3d-shapes. What can they tell you about it?

Children are now beginning to use different mental maths strategies i.e. holding a bigger number in their head and counting on or back to add or take-away. They are also beginning to solve real life word problems. For example; If the Hungry Caterpillar ate 5 apples on Monday and 6 plums on Tuesday how many pieces of fruit has he eaten all together?



Religious Education



The Way, the Truth and the Life Religious Education

In RE during the first half of this term the children will be learning all about 'New Life'. During the lessons the children will begin to understand that Easter is a celebration of Jesus rising from the dead. They will also learn and act out the story of Jesus appearing to Mary Magdalene at the empty burial tomb, and they will begin to understand why this story is so important. The children will be going on a spring walk, making their own puppets to act out the stories and discussing how important it is to take care of new life. There will be lots of discussions on how we should care for the plants around us. The children will talk about the good news we share and how they themselves can spread the Good News. In the second half of the term, the topic is 'Our Church Family'. In these lessons the children will learn that we call the Church the family of God and that we can all belong to his family. We will be discussing why Sunday is a special day for us all. The children will have a chance to talk about their families during circle times and we will hopefully visit a church to see where the altar, candles and statues are situated. The children will hear about people who look after the church and what they do.



Please provide your child with a water bottle every day. It should be clearly labelled with their name especially now as the weather is getting warmer.

Technology

This term children will be learning how to use a variety of technology for a particular purpose. These will include stopwatches, ipads, and directional toys (beebots). The children will be taking photos of their friends and school surroundings using the ipads, which they will also be learning how to upload to the computer and print.



Understanding of the World

Ahoy there ship mates! Through the topic of pirates and mermaids and mermen we will be reading maps and even making our own. No need to worry about where you might be going on holiday this year as our outside roleplay area will be turning into a travel agents and with our passports at the ready we will be boarding our imaginary plane to learn about other countries around the world. Parents/carers if you are from or know about another country, we would love for you to come and share with us your knowledge. Can you teach us a song in a different language? What's your National dish?

Please get in touch with the class teacher if this is something you are interested in and would like to share.



ART

This term Reception are very excited to be exploring a variety of art techniques including printing, collage, and drawing with oil pastels and water colour pencils. They will also be looking at art produced by specific artists as inspiration for their very own art work to be produced in that style.



Dates to remember:

Half term

Monday 31st May-Friday
1st June

Monday 7th June Inset
day- school closed to
children.

Wednesday 21st July—
last day of term.

PSED

This term we will be focusing on self-confidence and self-awareness. Children will be encouraged to try a range of new activities and to participate in some new experiences. They will be encouraged to have an opinion and to speak openly about their likes and dislikes. Each class will also be taking on the responsibility of caring for and observing caterpillars' changing into butterflies.

