

# Early years – Summer 1 half term

As Easter falls at the end of the first week back, we will be having some Easter activities in Week 1 including competitions, cooking and making cards and Easter baskets.

We will then be moving on to our main topic which will be

## Minibeasts

We will be finding out about lots of different minibeasts such as:

- Caterpillars and butterflies
- Spiders
- Bees
- Worms, slugs and snails
- Ladybirds

Over the next few weeks we will be:

- Watching our caterpillars change into butterflies
- Reading lots of Minibeast stories and finding out facts about them from books and the internet
- Matching butterflies and talking about symmetry
- Eating 'minibeast' snacks such as grape caterpillars and spider cakes
- Looking for minibeasts outside and handling them carefully
- Learning some minibeast songs
- Counting and ordering minibeasts
- Making a wormery
- Creating a large Minibeast display

Each week we will be focussing on different minibeasts. Please see our cloakroom boards for more information.

## **Reception**

*In Mathematics we will be completing simple additions and subtractions and learning about 3D shapes: making them with play dough and learning the names and properties of spheres, cones, cylinders, cubes, pyramids and cuboids. We will also be solving problems involving doubling, halving and sharing.*

*In phonics we will be practising letter sounds and blending sounds together to read words and simple sentences. We will also be practising letter formation and using letter families to help us remember how to form letters correctly. We will be writing labels, captions and simple sentences using our phonic knowledge.*

## **Nursery**

*In Mathematics we will be counting groups of objects, recognising and ordering numbers and naming 2D shapes. We will also be making patterns and completing jigsaws.*

*In phonics we will be working on instrumental sounds and rhyme and rhythm. We will also be identifying sounds and learning the sound and name of some letters. We will also be practising writing our names, making sure that we form the letters correctly*

## **P.E.**

*We hope you enjoyed our dance performance at the end of last half term We will be welcoming back Rachel Morgan this term. All the children really enjoy our dance sessions so we are looking forward to working with her again.*

*Coach David will continue to work with our children on Thursday mornings. Please make sure your child has their kit with them on these days. Please can you also make sure that your child is not wearing earrings on these days.*

*As the weather improves, we will be able to have some of our P.E lessons outdoors in preparation for our Sports day.*

## **Snack Money**

*Snack money for this half term is £3.00. You can pay 50p a week or all in one go. Please pay in the classroom any morning.*

*If you have any questions, please ask any member of staff.*

*Sarah Ives*