

Reception Newsletter



Learning to love, loving to learn
Summer 1 2024

Class Teacher: Miss Heard
 TA: Miss Lilly

Value of the Month



April: Perseverance

May: Democracy

Please discuss these values with your child, identifying acts that represent them.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you've all had a wonderful and restful Easter Holidays. The children are all looking refreshed and ready for this term's exciting new learning opportunities. This term, we will be focusing on the theme of Minibeasts and introducing some exciting practical life experiences such as watching the changes a caterpillar goes through before turning into a butterfly. Throughout the topic we will be focusing on exploring the lifecycles of plants and butterflies through reading and discussing non-fiction books. We will also be exploring changes that we ourselves have experienced throughout our lifetime from the time we were babies to now. Please do encourage your child to discuss and express what they observe around them and how they feel they've grown and changed.

This term Reception will also be taking part in a Music project and you will have an opportunity to see your child perform in this at the end of the term.

Dates for the diary

Thu April	25 th	Mass at St Thomas a Becket
Thu April	26 th	Tennis taster day
Fri May	3 rd	Latin Story telling
Mon May	13 th	Start of SATS week
Mon May	27 th	Half Term

English

In phonics this term we will continue to revise our set 2 sounds and beyond.

Our theme for this term is Minibeasts and our focus therefore will be on the life cycles of frogs, ladybirds and butterflies and writing short sentences to describe what we have observed in the world around us.

To support our learning, we will be reading many non-fiction books about insects and garden creatures

Maths

In Maths this term we will be focusing on building numbers beyond 10 and the many different ways these numbers can be represented.

We will be looking at 3D shapes spatial reasoning and prepositions.

The children will finish this half of the term with adding and taking away in preparation for next term's sharing and doubling.

Class visitors:
Police TBC
Music project

Class assembly / concert: 2nd July 2024

Science

The children will be learning about life-cycles and developing their questioning skills when learning about different creatures.

We have live caterpillars in the class and the children have been enjoying observing the changes that are already happening to these.

Learning Challenge

Our Learning challenge theme this term is 'What is a Minibeast?'. As such we will be learning about and discussing the life cycles of frogs, butterflies and ladybirds as well as plants and what they need to grow and survive. We will then use our knowledge and understanding of growth and change to discuss how we ourselves have grown and changed from babies to now.