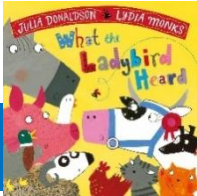




Welcome back everybody, we hope that you all had a great half term break.

As we move from the winter months into the spring, we are looking forward to learning about our new topic of 'Our Environment'. Here we will observe the changes of spring within nature and see a real-life example of a life cycle through our class caterpillars. As always, please speak to me if you have any questions. Miss Osborne.

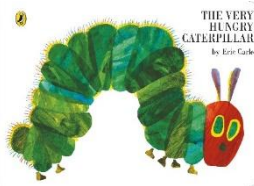


LITERACY

Alongside reading various fiction and non-fiction books linked to our new topic, our focus author will be Eric Carle to support our understanding of caterpillars. We will continue with daily phonics teaching and will consolidate our learnt graphemes as well as reading longer words. We will focus on reading and writing sentences independently as well as accurate letter formation within handwriting sessions.

UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORLD

We will use the topic of 'Our Environment' to learn about various types of plants, animals and insects. This will be consolidated on our farm trip.



We will learn about the celebration of Easter and discuss the importance of difference and respect.

Expressive Arts and Design

In preparation for the whole school Art Exhibition, we will be building on our own creative skills.

We will learn about various materials and techniques and combine these to make our own Eric Carle inspired artwork.

MATHS

As the children become fluent in numbers 0-10, we will spend the half term applying these numbers to mathematical concepts including: adding, subtracting, odds and evens, doubles and partitioning. We will also continue to build number bonds and subitising skills.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

Independence is key as we move through the year, and we will further build on key skills such as: cutting up food and doing up buttons and zips. We will continue with weekly PE lessons and will start preparing for sports day in the summer.

CLASS NOTICES

Our forest school day is normally a **Friday** and book change days are: **Mondays and Thursdays**

Children will need their PE kits in school each week, please aim to bring this in on Mondays. (black/navy shorts or joggers, a white t-shirt and plimsolls/ trainers.)

Key dates –

5th March – World Book Day

11th March 9-9.30am – Stay & Play

18th March- 3.15-4.30pm Art Exhibition

25th March – Visit to Mudchute Farm

HOME LEARNING

To support your child's understanding and learning, here are some simple ideas for you to try at home that link to our key targets and topics. Over the next half term, could you...

Look out for types of different minibeasts in your environment.



Look out for signs of spring and changing seasons around you.



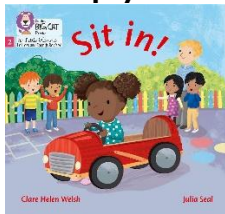
Watch number blocks at home and look out for numbers 6-10.



Create minibeast art and practice careful drawing.



Read everyday and use your sound mat to help you.



Practice doing your own buttons.



- Numberblocks - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b08bzfnh/numberblocks>
- Little Wandle Phonics - <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Please remember to upload any observations from home on to Tapestry!

Grapheme chart													Phase 2 and 3					
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