



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 the 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. Mr Bowes.



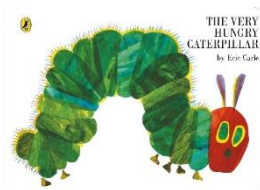
LITERACY

In Literacy we will be reading texts which relate to the topic of 'Our Environment.' Alongside various fiction and non-fiction books, our focus author will be Eric Carle to support our understanding of our class caterpillars. We will continue with daily phonics teaching and will consolidate our learnt phonemes. We will focus on identifying initial sounds and trying to write our name.

UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORLD

We will use the topic of 'Our Environment' to learn about various types of plants, animals and insects.

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 pieces of butterfly artwork.

MATHS

As the children become more fluent in numbers 0-5, we will spend the half term applying these numbers to mathematical concepts such as number bonds and finding one more or one less. We will also continue to consolidate our subitising skills and knowledge of shape and measure.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

Whilst exploring our outdoor area, and in PE lessons, we will use dance and other group activities to focus on balance, co-ordination and creativity.

We will also continue to build on our letter formation and handwriting skills.

CLASS NOTICES

Please ensure that your child brings a water bottle to school each day and that their clothing is labelled with their name.

Forest school will be weekly but days may vary. Please remember your child's reading book and reading record each **Monday**.

Key dates –

29th February – Whole School Art Exhibition

8th March 8.30am and 12.30pm – Stay & Play

12th & 13 March 3:30 – 6:30 pm Parents Evening

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.



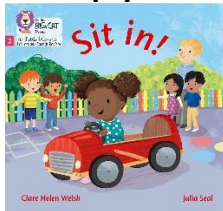
Watch number blocks at home and look out for numbers 0-5.



Create minibeast art and practice careful drawing.



Read everyday and use your sound mat to help you.



Practice doing your own buttons.



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

