



# Curriculum Newsletter



**Mrs Banks & Mrs Yarranton  
RB**

**Reception  
Summer 2 2024**

**Mrs Mercer  
RM**

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will share news and encourage children to negotiate in their play and learning. We will use the zones of regulation to talk about emotions and help children to manage big feelings. We will visit Year 1 and meet our new teachers in readiness for September.

## Books we will be reading

The Bugliest Bug  
Billy's Beetle  
The Snail and the Whale

## Mathematics

We will learn about patterns and problem solving. We will recap number bonds to 5,  $1+4=5$ ,  $2+3=5$  etc. We will practise counting and recognising numbers beyond 10. We will use coins to role play in the Toy Shop.

## Physical Development

We will practise for Sports Day, working together to throw, catch, kick, jump, balance and run. We will work together to participate in group games. Through handwriting lessons, we will practise correct orientation and starting position for letters and sitting letters on the line.

## Our Topics:

*Minibeasts and  
Underwater Creatures*

## Communication and Language

We will read stories about our topics and build new vocabulary using syllable games and word aware activities. We will continue to use listening and attention skills when working as a whole class or in small groups.

## Understanding the World

We will look at life cycles of minibeasts and hunt for minibeasts in the forest and field around school. We will find out about minibeasts and categorise them, eg legs/no legs, wings/no wings.

## Expressive Arts and Design

We will look at symmetry with ladybird and butterfly art. We will use clay to model our own minibeasts, designing, making and decorating. We will design and create minibeast habitats and think about materials. We will move and dance like a minibeast at our Ugly Bug Ball.

## Literacy

We will write facts about minibeasts: what they eat; where they live and what they look like. We will retell stories we know adding in our own new and exciting adventures. We will write simple sentences, remembering to use capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. We will also develop our use of digraphs, trigraphs and tricky words.



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## Home Learning

### Minibeasts!

Can you go on a minibeast hunt? What will you find?

Please share photos on Tapestry for us to discuss at school.



### Fun Phonics!

Phonics games to play at home (select Phase 2, 3 and 5 sounds):

[Pick a Picture](#)

[Balloon Phonics](#)

### Magic Maths!

[Robot Addition](#)  
[Understanding Numbers](#)

Please share your home learning and as well as new experiences on **Tapestry** so your child can share this at school with their teachers and friends.

## Reminders

### Key Dates

#### NHS Dental Survey

*Tuesday 11th June*

#### Kidderminster Harriers Football Session

*Tuesday 24th June*

#### Sports Day

*Wednesday 10th July PM - timings TBC*

#### Last day of the School Year

*Friday 19th July*

### P.E. and Forest Sessions

P.E. day for RB & RM - Mondays

*PE kits need to be back in school on Monday 3rd June.*

*We will be doing some PE sessions outdoors so please ensure black pumps/trainers are in the kits.*

Forest Session RB - Fridays

Forest Session RM - Wednesdays

*Please send children appropriately dressed - **arms and legs must be covered***

***Please ensure named sun hats are sent into school daily and that children are sun creamed prior to coming into school.***

### Reading Books

Reading daily for 10 minutes supports your child's development.

Bring your reading wallet to school every day.

### Nursery Rhymes

Please sing these with your children as often as you can - children you can hear rhyme become more fluent readers.

Some linked to our topic are;

There's a worm at the bottom of the garden,

There's a tiny caterpillar on a leaf and

Row, row, row your boat.