

Nursery Summer Term Newsletter: *In the Garden*

Our theme this term is *In The Garden*. The children will be learning all about Minibeasts and their habitats. Exploring the range of minibeasts found in our school gardens. As investigators we will be finding out about the life cycles of different creatures and how we all grow. If you have a garden or patio do have a look at the bugs in your habitat and record for your child to share with us. As gardeners we will be planting our own flowers, and edibles in our class gardens ranging from sunflowers to strawberries and even some magic beans! We will learn about the different parts of plants and what they need to grow and how our food comes from farm to fork.

In our physical development we are fortunate to have a trained specialist dance teacher to work with our children on movement and a dance developing to early ballet skills every Friday. This is in addition to the fine and gross motor skills development we encourage in our activities and play.

As artists and musicians we will continue to learn songs, rhymes, rhythm and pitch through our games and use of instruments with Chamber Tots

More details to follow. In our art we will be using paint, collage and other media to transform our classroom into an indoor garden. We will be inspired by the work of Van Gogh, Matisse and Monet so Expressionism here we come!

As Storytellers we will be learning how bugs manage their feelings and sharing in "The Bad Tempered Ladybird" and "What The Ladybird Heard" as well as a wealth of other stories including moving into "The Snail and The Whale" by Julia Donaldson. Once again we will be hearing, stepping, mapping the stories before imitating them and innovating them by writing our own versions!

If you are familiar with the stories please retell them with your child. Phonics and reading is continuous and we welcome your support in helping your child enjoy books and desire to become independent readers by sharing books with them daily. It is important that the children can apply their reading and writing skills independently in their play across the curriculum. Please see Mr Thorne's phonics and Cbeebies has lots of helpful ideas and activities for learning.

As mathematicians we will be counting numbers and learning to form our numerals to beyond 10. We will also be looking at the shape of all the different bugs, flowers and containers when learning our 2-D and 3-D shape names.

We will be investigating patterns and repeating and creating our own sequences in paint, shape and cutting and sticking to reflect natural phenomena.

Our Early Years Sports Day will be Thursday 10th July weather permitting.

Homework is the communication we have in our partnership using the learning journal weekly. Please remember book bags in on Mondays for changing.

Please don't hesitate to speak to member of staff if you have any questions or make an appointment for any concerns. *The Nursery Team*