



Curriculum Letter for YR - Summer Term 1 2024

General Information

We are all excited to be back together after the Easter holidays and have hit the ground running! We are impressed with how well the children settled back into school life and are looking forward to a fun-packed final term in Reception.

Both classes have maintained a really good attendance record, however RB and RW are yet to win the weekly attendance award; please make every effort to ensure your child is not missing out as every day in school counts.

Also, please take a look at our new **Knowledge Organiser** on Tapestry. We use this with the children to share our learning for this half term.

Curriculum

Our topic this term is **Marvellous Minibeasts**, which is linked to all areas of learning through our core books, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and *The Very Busy Spider* by Eric Carle, *Growing Frogs* and *Yucky Worms* by Vivien French.

Knowledge & Understanding of the World:

We believe that firsthand experiences are so important to support learning in early years. The children will take part in an insect hunt around the school field and will be learning all about different minibeasts and their habitats. We will be watching caterpillar eggs hatch, using a wormery, making bug hotels and observing frogspawn as it changes. We will also continue with developing our garden with planting and growing linked to our Spring term topic, which was all about plants.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development:

In our circle times, the children will understand why we have rules and why it is important to persist and persevere in the face of challenges. They will learn some strategies and skills to help them show perseverance and resilience in the face of challenge.

Literacy:

This term focuses on reinforcing the phonemes, digraphs and trigraphs we have already covered, by building on the children's ability to segment and blend longer words. We will be learning root word endings such as, -ed -ing and -est. The children will be learning more tricky words, these will be sent home in due course on Tapestry. Also, we are starting to learn to spell the most common tricky words from memory.

Mathematics:

We continue to use the Mathematics Mastery scheme. This half term we will be exploring the concepts of doubling and halving. We will explore different 2D and 3D shapes sorting and describing the properties. We will be creating patterns and pictures using the different shapes. As the half term progresses, we will be securing addition and subtraction facts, combining two numbers to make a total, adding on and using the part-whole model for subtraction.

Expressive Art & Design

We will be developing our fine motor skills by using threading to make spider webs, as well as drawing, painting and clay modelling minibeasts. We will also be learning some songs, rhymes and poems linked to our new topic.

Physical Development: Outdoor PE is on Friday morning with Coach Kymani, all children must wear their PE kits to school. We will also be having dance and movement sessions linked to our minibeast topic.



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Reading

We hope that you have enjoyed listening to your child read to you at home and can see how the regular reading in school is helping develop confidence and fluency. **Home reading books will continue to be set as eBooks this term** with library books sent home weekly, to encourage reading for pleasure. All children take part in daily reading sessions appropriate to their level. Your continued support at home with learning sounds and tricky words is very much appreciated.

Homework

Homework is set each Friday on Tapestry. This is linked to learning that has taken place during the school week. Please feel free to explore the Busy Things website as it is not solely for homework, but also to enjoy the educational games on offer.

Key Dates

Class Photograph	Monday 29 th April
Polling Day (school closed)	Thursday 2 nd May
Bank Holiday (school closed)	Monday 6 th May
RW visit to St. Andrew's Church	Thursday 9 th May
Scholastic Book Fair	Monday 13 th - Thursday 16 th May
RB visit to St. Andrew's Church	Thursday 16 th May
RB visit to Oakwood Park	Tuesday 21 st May
National Numeracy Day	Wednesday 22 nd May
RW visit to Oakwood Park	Thursday 23 rd May
Half term holiday	Monday 27 th - Friday 31 st May
Sports Day	Wednesday 26 th June (second date 3 rd July)