

**Year 2
Newsletter
28th February 2020**

Welcome back. I hope you have all had a lovely week and are ready for another jam packed half term.

It was lovely to see all the children smiling as they came back in, excited to see the changes in the classroom and to catch up with their friends.

In the classroom we now have an 'explore area' where the children can dig in the soil to see if they can find any hidden minibeasts. Once they have found the minibeasts they can use microscopes and magnifying glasses to find out more.

Any questions please don't hesitate to come and see me.

Miss Daum

Maths

This half term, we will be looking at weight using scales to measure grams and kilograms. We will also be exploring statistics, posing questions, collecting data and creating graphs. From these graphs we will be answering questions and finding out information. After this we will be looking at capacity, using the measurements litres and millilitres and temperature using the measurements degrees Celsius.



This half term our theme is 'Wriggle and Crawl'. We will be looking and naming different mini beasts and exploring what mini beasts we have in our school grounds.

In English this half term, we will be writing our own poetry based on the poem 'Ladybird Ladybird What Do You See' and writing leaflets based on bee keeping. We will also be using the story of 'The Hungry Caterpillar' to create our own stories.

In our Geography lessons, we will be doing lots of fieldwork in the school grounds to observe and study what we have living around us. We will also be looking at human and physical features in our environment.

In computing we will be creating and debugging programs and understanding algorithms.

In Science we will be looking at mini beasts, their habitats and how they are best suited to that habitat. We will look at basic human and animal needs and why it is important that we receive all of them.

In our Art & Design technology sessions we will be sketching mini beasts looking at developing our techniques in using colour, pattern, texture, line, shape and form.

Indoor PE this half term is dance. We will be looking at different movements based on those you may see mini beasts do.

In outdoor PE we will be developing our skills of throwing and catching by introducing quick fires three cricket. The children will get to practise their throwing, catching and hitting skills in a real life game situation.

Dates for the diary:

World Book Day – 5th March
Sports Science week – week beginning 9th March
Mothering Sunday worship and lunch – 20th March
Parents Evening – 24th and 25th March
End of term – 1st April



Keep your eyes peeled

We will be having a visit from a bee keeper to talk to us about how to look after the animals and give us lots of information about bees. Keep your eyes peeled for what date they will be coming into school.

Some KS1 Classroom routines & reminders:

Reading planners will be checked on a Monday morning to complete reading reward bookmarks.

If a child needs to **change their reading book** they need to let an adult know and they can change it as and when they need.

Home learning will be marked on a **Friday** and set for the week ahead on a Friday. If there is a note that you would like me to read and respond to, please ask your child to put their book in the box. I will then aim to try and respond to the note the same day.

Spellings will be set on a Friday and **spelling tests will take place on the following Friday.**

Mrs Belle-Fortune will teach the class on a Friday morning.

Please ensure children have a **water bottle** in school.

Our **P.E. days are Wednesday and Thursday**. Wednesday P.E. will usually be outside (weather permitting). Please ensure a kit is in school on these days.