

MEDLOCK PRIMARY SCHOOL

In Summer 1 Reception will be learning about

Minibeasts (insects) and growing seeds and plants.

Our overarching questions are What are minibeasts ? & How do plants grow?

Literacy development: This half term we will be sharing some lovely stories about mini beasts for example Superworm by Julia Donaldson and the Very Busy Spider by Eric Carle.. We will continue to learn about the differences between non-fiction and fiction books as we read information books about insects. The children will be continuing to use what they have learnt in phonics to have a go writing non-fiction pieces about insects and plant lifecycles. We will be teaching the children to use capital letters at the start of a sentence and a full stop to end it and importantly to re-read their work to check what they have written makes sense. In phonics we will be working on phase 4 and learning new tricky words and how to read words with adjacent consonants ie clip, lost.

Mathematical Development

The children will continue to learn by heart all the number bonds to 5 (and beginning to learn some to 10), and some corresponding subtraction facts. We will also be learning by heart all the doubles up to 5. We will be exploring what makes a number odd or even and identifying numbers this way. The children will continue with activities that draw attention to the purpose of counting ie to find out 'how many' objects there are, remembering that the last number they counted tell us how many there are altogether. We will continue counting in sequence up to 20 and beyond hearing and practising key differences in the number names e.g. between 'teen' and '-ty' numbers.

We will be learning to name and talk about the properties of 3D shapes.

Understanding the World

The children will be going on mini beasts hunts and learning all about the tiny creatures that live around us. Learning to identify them and some facts such as how many legs they have? What they like to eat and where they live. The children will be learning that we share our world with mini beasts and that we must be gentle and take care of them. The Creepy Crawly Roadshow will be visiting the early years this half term and we will also be watching our class caterpillars grow and change into butterflies.

Communication and Language

We will be reading and learning facts about mini-beasts and growing from non-fiction books alongside a range of fiction books about this topic too. We will be encouraging the children to listen attentively in order to talk about the characters and make relevant comments about why things have happened in the story. Children will be encouraged to think out loud to check their understanding and speak in full sentences. We will continue to introduce lots of new vocabulary for the children to use in a range of contexts.

Physical Development

In the Summer term we will continue to take part in weekly P.E. sessions with our P.E coach. We will be going outside to do athletics and play outdoor games. In our playground we will continue to create obstacle courses and practise our throwing catching and aiming skills using the large and small balls and other P.E equipment.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will begin to use our zones of regulation chart daily when entering class and the children will be encouraged to talk about how they feel and what they can do to feel better if need be. We will be talking about having a go at new things and persevering even if something can appear challenging at first. We are continuing to develop our oracy skills through our Philosophy for children

Experiences	
Week 1	Planting seeds/ growing potatoes
Week 2	Creepy Crawly Roadshow
Week 3	Watching the caterpillars turn into Cocoons
Week 4	MIni beast hunt
Week 5	Build a bug hotel
Week 6	Ugly bugs ball

Key Learning Focus	
Non fiction books	Continuing to understand the features of non - fiction books ie that these are books that contain facts, contents pages, labels , photos. Comparing them to fiction books.
Growing mini beasts and the natural world	Learning about seeds and growth of plants, different features of caterpillars and minibeasts.
Shapes & Number	Continue number work 3D shape names and properties

Key Vocabulary	
Non-fiction. Information , facts, true/ real contents page, index	Insect names and body parts. Habitat Parts of a plant
Properties - sides, corners, straight, curved, edges, faces,	3D shapes, sphere, cube, cuboid, cylinder, cone, pyramid,

Stories	
Week 1	Growing books / The Tiny Seed, Ten little seeds Writing instructions
Week 2	Minbeasts - The hungry Caterpillar
Week 3	Minbeasts - Spiders are Amazing - non - fiction
Week 4	Continue / The v busy spider
Week 5	Minbeasts -Superworm Bog Babies
Week 6	Growing /Tadpoles Promise

Rhymes	
Week 1	Plant a Little seed
Week 2	Arabella Miller
Week 3	Spider rhyme I am a little spider
Week 4	Mini beast rhyme
Week 5	5 little peas in a pea pod pressed
Week 6	Ugly bug ball

Advice for Parents

Reports will be going out at the end of the year.