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Dear Reception Families,

Welcome back to Spring 2! We hope all our families enjoyed a good half term break.

Learning

This term our focus is Minibeasts. For the first week we will be out and about (whatever the weather!) exploring minibeast habitats! We are looking forward to a local nature walk by the river. Over the week we will venture to the Forest School to discover the minibeasts that live there and use our observational skills to find clues to help us understand what conditions mini beasts like to live in.

Communication, Language & Literacy:

We will read the story A Good Place by Lucy Cousins.

We will learn some new vocabulary such as minibeast, habitat, larvae, exoskeleton and fluttering. We will draw and write about some of the minibeasts from the book.

We will continue to write phrases and sentences using the sounds and tricky words we have learnt. Here are some key phrases and sentence starters that are decodable and use learnt tricky words if you want to practice at home:

- I can see...
- It is a...
- Look, I can see the...
- The _____ is _____

Phonics

-Last term we learnt the following sounds, and we will continue to use them in our reading and writing;

ai ee igh oa oo oo ar or ur ow oi
ear air er

-We will continue to consolidate all the sounds we have learnt so far and practice blending them in words to support our reading fluency, including longer words such as magnet, carpet and bucket.

-The tricky words we will practice reading this week are; **the, l, put, full** and **pull**.

We will continue to practice reading the tricky words and try to use them within our writing. Please find below a list of the tricky words that the children need to be able to read.



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Maths:

This week in maths, we will be learning to explore and compare length and height. We will be using words like long/er/est, short/er/est, small/er/est, tall/er/est.

Other Areas of Learning:

- **UW (Understanding the World)** – we will learn about the importance of taking care of the minibeasts we find and learn how to observe them carefully. We will think about where minibeasts live and what makes a good habitat for a minibeast.

- **PSED (Personal, social and emotional development)** – This term's PSHE unit is Healthy Me. This week we will learn about the importance of exercise to keep our bodies healthy.

- **EAD (Expressive arts and design)** – We will observe minibeasts carefully and draw accurate pictures of them. We will make minibeast crafts such as ladybirds and caterpillars.

- **PD (Physical development)** - We will begin to work as an individual and part of a group and identify relationships between self and others through group activity.

Notices/reminders:

- We will send home in book bags the tricky words the children have learnt to read, please support your child's reading and fluency by displaying these for regular practice at home. Look out also for more tricky word stickers coming home and please encourage your child to read them aloud. Thank you.
- We are hoping to create some bug hotels! If you have any spare shoe boxes or cardboard tubes please send them in. Please see the poster below for any nature resources you can find such as pine cones, twigs, sticks, moss, stones, fallen leaves etc. We will need plenty for our bug hotels. Thank you.
- Please note that our outdoor area will be getting an exciting revamp this week so we are unable to use it for a couple of days. Instead we will be venturing to other areas of the school to do our learning such as the Forest School, Trim Trail and Sensory Garden. As a reminder, **please ensure your child has a pair of wellies in school, in a named bag; it may get muddy!**

Kind Regards,

Mrs Morley, Mrs Duxon and Mrs Lewis



Make Your Own Bug Hotel

Bugs love to hide away in dark little hidey holes. You can easily make your own hotel out of recycled objects and items collected from your garden or local park area. Here are some ideas...

For more **Fun**,
look out for...



You could use:

- Shoe boxes • Toilet roll tubes • Straws • Milk cartons and plastic bottles
- Yoghurt pots • Twigs and sticks • Pine cones • Moss • Fallen dry leaves • Rocks and stones

1

Use an old shoe box as a base.

2

Use some scrap cardboard to divide the box into little rooms.

3

Fill each 'room' up to make little dark hidey holes for bugs.

Yoghurt pot. You could also use a milk carton cut into two or an old tin can.



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