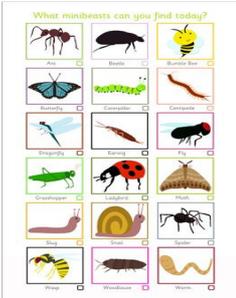


# Reception Class Summer 1 Newsletter



Welcome back to the Summer term. I hope everyone has had a wonderful Easter break.



Our Big Question this term asks “Who goes to the Ugly Bug Ball?” A key focus will be to develop children’s vocabulary and understanding around insects and minibeasts and their environment, and the lifecycles of frogs and butterflies. We will encourage children to notice and name many different minibeasts in the environment.



In Literacy we will continue to retell stories and encourage children to build their confidence to write longer pieces of writing (3-4 sentences) whilst remembering to include finger spaces, full stops and capital letters.



We will continue practising blending and learning tricky words in our daily phonics lesson. This term there will be a particular focus on blending 2 consonant sounds eg. went, crush, paint, thump etc. We will continue to practise reading longer words such as lightning, mammoth, shrinking etc. Look out for the new phonics weekly information sheet in blue bags.

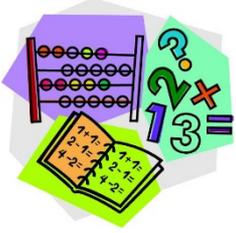


Please keep reading the e-books and the sharing books each week and record in the green reading record.



We will continue to complete a spelling test every Friday. Some words will be phonically decodable and some will be ‘tricky words’ that will need to be memorized by sight recognition. Please remember the LOOK, SAY, COVER, REPEAT, WRITE method to learn the spellings.

(LOOK at the word, SAY the sounds, COVER the word, REPEAT the sounds / letters and WRITE the word) Daily practice at home will continue to build spelling speed, confidence and knowledge. Good luck!



In Maths we will be representing, comparing, sorting and ordering numbers up to 20. We will be practice adding and subtracting small amounts up to 20. Children will need to apply their knowledge of number facts to solve mathematical problems. We will arrange shapes to make new shapes and tangrams and explore the capacity of different containers.



In RE we will be learning about special places and buildings. We will discover why the church is special to Christians and a Mosque is special to Muslims.



This term our PE days are Tuesday and Thursday. Please ensure children have their PE kits in school throughout the half term.



In computing we will practice using painting programs to create a symmetrical picture and developing our numeracy and phonics skills using interactive games.



Miss Maxwell continues her placement with us for 2 more weeks. She has led and taught many exciting lessons during her time with us and we will be sad to see her go. I'm sure you will all join me in wishing her well in her future teaching career.

Finally, I would like to thank you for all your continued support. If you ever have any worries or concerns (no matter how big or small) please do not hesitate to come and ask.

We look forward to continuing to excite and engage the children in their learning and enjoy their final term of Reception class at St. Mary's.

Miss Zylko and Mrs Hill