

Mighty Minibeasts - Spring 2

This curriculum newsletter provides an overview of your child's learning in Year 2 for the second half of the Spring Term. Our topic is 'Mighty Minibeasts.'

We will commence our topic with a visit from some special minibeasts which we will be able to touch and observe.

"Grab your coat and pooter - we're going out on a mini beast hunt!"



Science

As scientists we will

- Investigate habitats and microhabitats.
- Understand what habitats provide to plants and animals.
- Learn how animals have adapted to their habitat and why their habitats are suitable, including camouflage.
- Learn about food chains and life cycles.

Online Safety and Learning for life

Online bullying

- Explain what bullying is and what it looks like online.
- Know how to seek help.

Learning for Life

- In Learning for Life we will be following the PATHS programme, encouraging the children to continue to develop a growth mind set, and continuing with Pupil of the Day.
- Learn about caring friendships.
- Understand secrets and surprises.

English

As writers we will

- study a 'Pathways to Write' text which we keep as a surprise for the children.
- We will be writing with the view of writing a diary entry
- We will use the progressive form of verbs in the present and past tense
- We use subordination (apply because, when; introduce (so) that)
- We will use present and past tenses correctly and consistently
- We use punctuation correctly - apostrophes for the possessive (singular)
- We will use punctuation correctly - full stop, capital letters, question marks and exclamation marks.

As readers we will

- Have daily phonics sessions to focus on spelling rules using the Rocket Phonics scheme.
- Participate in whole class guided reading sessions to respond to a text.
- Read 1:1 with an adult at least once a week.
- Read with our reading buddies and reading ambassadors to encourage collaborative reading.

PE

As athletes we will

- Follow the Get Set 4 PE scheme of learning for Yoga and Ball Skills.

Music

As musicians we will

- Use a Music Express unit called Animals.
- Listen and respond to a steady beat using movement.
- Identify and respond to changes in pitch.
- Perform changes in pitch using whole body movement and voice.
- Understand and perform upwards and downwards pitch.
- Read pitch line notation.
- Playing pitch lines on tuned percussion. Combine pitch change in changes in other elements/dimensions.

Maths

As mathematicians we will

- Measure in cms and ms
- Compare and order heights and lengths
- Use the four operations when using lengths and heights
- Measure in gs, kgs, mls and ls.
- Use the four operations when using weight and capacity.
- Know how to measure temperature.

Mini Maths

Across the half term we will have 'Mini Maths' lessons to consolidate our basic maths skills, including counting in 2s, 3s, 5s, 10s; recalling times table facts; consolidation from our maths lessons; and introducing SATs style questions.

Art & DT

As artists and designers we will

- Make detailed drawings of minibeasts and flowers using different patterns and lines.
- Use materials to make a 3D minibeast.

History

As historians we will

- Recap our learning about the Industrial Revolution.
- Find out about a magnificent machine invention.
- Present findings to the class.

RE

As philosophers we will learn:

- How do Jewish people celebrate Passover?
- Explore familiar celebrations.
- Ask questions.
- Look at Jewish artefacts.
- Invite a member of the Jewish community to share the Passover story with us and make a Seder Plate.

Geography

As geographers we will

- Describe how the environment has changed over time and suggest ways we can improve our environment now.

