

Thursday 9th May 2019

Nursery Information and Homework

Literacy

This week in Phonics we have been basing our activities around our topic of mini-beasts.

The children have been looking at the different kinds of mini-beasts, including ladybirds, spiders, beetles, caterpillars and butterflies and learning the names of more unusual ones such as grasshoppers, centipedes and scorpions. The sound of the week has been 'w' for watch.

Maths

The children have been focusing on number in Maths this week in Nursery. They have been counting legs on mini-beasts and spiders in webs, thinking about which there are more of and investigating the different shapes and sizes of the small world bugs.

Topic

Our topic work this week has been based around mini-beasts, as part of the theme for the term 'All Creatures Great and Small'. We have been recognising the different types of mini-beasts and thinking about the different colours and shapes of them and how they move: whether they have wings or not, the number of legs they have and how we can describe or identify them. Whilst we sadly have now said goodbye to the chicks who have gone off to another school, we have had caterpillars arrive in class today and the children have been really excited to see what happens to them over the coming weeks. We are looking forward to showing them to the children who come at the start of the week on Monday.

Homework

In order to support the children's speech and language development further, I will be adding a section to the newsletter each week where I will have a strategy that you can just use at home to support your child's speech and language development.

This week's strategy is **Repetition**. In simple terms, this just means that you say the same words again and again in conversation in order to show the children how the different words can be used in conversation. For example, to use the word 'delicious' rather than 'nice' when describing different types of food.

By involving them like this in what you are doing, you will be increasing their understanding and vocabulary without even realising that you are doing it.

Early Years Summer Trip

The children brought home a letter last week about the Early Years trip to Hatton Adventure World in the last week of term. The trips are on Tuesday 21st and Thursday 23rd of May. Mr Baldwin's Class and the beginning of the week children in Nursery will go on the Tuesday, whilst the end of the week children will go on the Thursday with Mrs Wiley's Class. The children who attend Nursery all week will go on one of the days and remain in school with the Reception children on the other. Please specify which you would prefer and we will do our best to accommodate everyone.

Please let us know if you have not received your letter, as I have spares in class if it has been misplaced. Any questions or problems, please see Mrs Hudson in class.

End of the Day

Please could we ask that parents stay out of the Nursery outdoor area until we have opened the gate at the end of the day, as the children become very distracted once they see their Mum's, Dad's or Carer's arrive and find it hard to focus on our end of day routines and activities. Thank you for your understanding.



Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Hudson and Miss Benham