



This term's project in Reception

Nature Detectives

If you go down to the woods today, you're in for a BIG surprise! During this project, we will explore forests and the types of animals and minibeasts that you would find in the woods.

What is lurking in the woods?

The children will investigate what minibeasts and woodland creatures live in the forest and woods and their life cycles. They will also learn about what plants and flowers need to grow and the parts of a flower.

Learning Launch

We will be going on an minibeast hunt!

How Can You Help?

- Please read with your child at home. Your child will bring a decodable reading book home that matches the sounds they can recall from Phonics. It is important that children try to decode and blend the words in their reading book independently. Reading supports your child's speech, vocabulary and learning across the curriculum.
- Share the knowledge organiser and recap the vocabulary with your child.
- Go on a woodland walk, looking at the trees and talking about the animals and minibeasts that live in the woods.
- Plant some seeds and talk about what plants need to grow.
- Go to the garden centre and look at different plants and flowers. Can you name each part of the plant?
- Watch videos of a butterfly's life cycle? What does the caterpillar go into before it turns into a butterfly?
- Share books with woodland animals, the woods or minibeasts in.
- Go on Bug Club and read the books and games allocated to support reading.

Experiences, Visits & Visitors

- Minibeast hunt
- Butterfly experience
- Woodland tea party

Things To Remember

PE

PE sessions for this term will be on a Wednesday. Please ensure that your child's PE kit comes into school on a Monday and goes home to be washed on a Friday.

Knowledge Summary

You will find a Knowledge Organiser on the reverse of this sheet. This will show all of the basic key knowledge that children need throughout the project and we would really appreciate you sharing this information with your child. You might even want to find out more facts to share in class!

English

We will be revising Phase 3 phonics and moving onto Phase 4, which focuses on blends such as 'fr' 'tr' and reading and writing words with digraphs/trigraphs in e.g. ch, qu, air, igh. We will also be learning to read and write more non decodable words. The children will be focusing on building their writing up to simple captions and sentences. We will be focusing on the books We are going on a bear hunt by Michael Rosen, The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson, The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle, Owl Babies by Martin Waddell and Little Red Riding Hood. We will be completing some writing tasks based on these stories.

Mathematics

This term we will be focusing on counting and ordering numbers to 20. We will be building numbers and creating patterns beyond 10. We will also be learning to add more and subtract two single digit numbers and record this a number sentence. We will also be learning about spatial reasoning, thinking about using positional language and recapping our 2D and 3D shape knowledge. Don't forget there is a new White Rose app (1 minute maths) that you can download and your child can play games to practice subitising and counting.

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