



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 in our wellies!

How Can You Help?

- 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.

Experiences, Visits & Visitors

- Minibeast hunt
- Pond dipping
- Woodland tea party

Things To Remember

PE

PE sessions for this term will be on a Monday and Thursday. 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 high frequency words (keywords). 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. Gruffalo Character descriptions, Minibeast reports, Story maps, Letters to Mummy Owl, Gruffalo crumble recipe, How to find a bear instructions, narratives and a Life Cycle of a butterfly.

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.