

Reception Newsletter- Week beginning: 15.05.23

Term 5 topic- Minibeasts

What is happening in our garden?

Our story of the week- "The Hungry Caterpillar" by Eric Carle



We have had an exciting couple of weeks in Reception!

We have loved being outside in the warmer, sunnier weather this week. On Friday we had an extra playtime with the KS2 children, and we absolutely loved playing with them, although I think it was a treat for them too! It was lovely to see all age groups playing together. We also had ice lollies at the end of lunch which was yummy! Our pebble pot is nearly filled again - I wonder what we'll do next?

We have been fascinated by the changes we see in the caterpillars every day, watching them closely and chatting about what we see. We were so lucky to actually see two of our butterflies hatch out of their cocoons on Wednesday! The excitement in the classroom was electric! We have expanded our knowledge of butterflies by reading information books looking at clips of butterflies and caterpillars. We know it is our job to care for our caterpillars and treat them with respect. We have learnt all about the life cycle of a butterfly and also know that butterflies have symmetrical patterns on their wings. Please ask us what else we have learnt about butterflies and caterpillars this week!

We have also drawn pictures of the different stages of the frog's life cycle! Aren't the animals around us amazing!

This week we have also made fruit kebabs in repeating patterns and tried some of the foods that the very hungry caterpillar ate. We tried cheese, strawberries, plums, pickles and cupcakes! The cakes were the firm favourite but we were surprised about how many children loved a pickle! We were very proud that so many children tried the pickles, even if they didn't like them.

Please keep an eye on the website as I will be uploading photos of all the fun (and learning) we have been doing in term 5.

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Supporting learning at home

- Give yourself a sporting challenge! Work with a friend to bounce and catch a large ball.
- Go on a minibeast hunt and write or draw a list of what you find.
- Using small objects tell your grown-ups some taking away number sentences.

### Stay and Play Sessions

The week beginning Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June, we will be opening our doors for stay and play sessions. This will happen every day except Thursday. Due to space, these sessions are capped at 6 people per session and please can only one parent/guardian sign up. For an appointment, please either email the office with your preferred day or sign up via the sheet that will be by the iPad during drop off / pick up.

This time we will run afternoon sessions. Please come to the school office at 1pm and a member of the team will collect you and bring you down to the classroom where you are welcome to 'stay and play' with your child until home time. If you need to leave earlier, this is not a problem.

We are looking forward to seeing lots of you and showing you all the things we have learnt since our last sessions.

### Reading Tip

#### **Reading for information is important!**

If you want or need to find out more about something you are interested in, find an information book about it. Ask yourself what you would like to find out and use an index to find the information you are looking for.

### Notes for next term...

- A reminder that Monday 5<sup>th</sup> is an INSET day. School starts back on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June. For our last term of the academic year!
- Please remember book bags, phonics packs, water bottles and a coat or a sunhat depending on the weather.
- Please sign up for the play and stay sessions.

I can't believe this is the last term that your children will be in Reception before joining Year 1!

Have a *wonderful* half term.