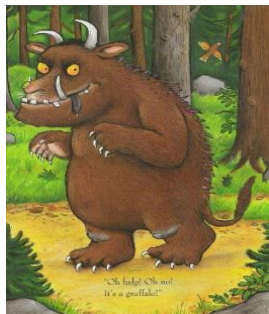
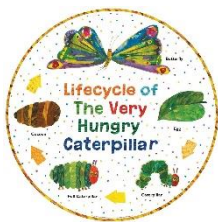


Reception



Summer 1 2025

The Great Outdoors

During this Learning Adventure, children will be become outdoor explorers. They will explore the fascinating world of growing plants and discovering mini beasts! Through hands-on experiences like planting seeds and observing caterpillars transform into butterflies, children will learn about lifecycles, growth and the natural world around them. We will search for insects outside and explore their habitats. We'll encourage curiosity, observation and care for living things - helping children understand how plants and animals grow and change. We will support children to develop their early science skills in fun and engaging ways.

Phonics

We will continue with the Song of Sounds, Stage 1 program. Children will:

- Learn new tricky words.
- Spend time revising all the sounds, particularly digraphs and trigraphs (sounds which have 2/3 letters, but make one sound).
- Practice reading words and sentences, using their phonics knowledge.
- Practise writing words and sentences, using their phonics knowledge.

Writing

This term, we will have a greater emphasis on developing our writing. During the year we have developed our phonics knowledge and physical skills and this term we will be applying what we have learnt. Children will:

- Continue to develop and improve fine motor skills, to support writing.
- Learn how to use their phonics knowledge to write words and sentences.
- Develop stamina for writing and begin to write more than one sentence.

Our writing this term will include: writing instructions, labelling, writing captions and speech bubbles and story writing.

Maths

This half term, we will continue to develop our number skills. Children will:

- Consolidate key skills they have already learnt.
- Develop their counting skills, counting larger sets and things that cannot be seen.
- Develop their subitising skills.
- Develop knowledge related to addition and subtraction.
- Continue to develop their knowledge of pattern.
- Learn and use language related to position.

Library Look Out: Books linked to our themes and topics



Helping your child at home...

There are lots of things you can do to support your child's learning at home. Here are some ideas:

- Get some books about minibeasts and growing from the library or find out information online.
- Go on a minibeast hunt. How many can you find? Draw what you find and label it.
- Share books together, talking about the pictures and asking questions. Encourage your child to sound out words or look for sounds and practice recognising tricky words.
- Have mark making materials out at home e.g. pens/pencils/paper/paint/brushes etc. Encourage mark making whenever you can and in a way that motivates your child.
- Continue to practice careful counting.
- Look for numbers whilst out and about, particularly numbers over 10. Talk about the numbers you see and how they are made.
- Practice number bonds to 10.
- Do some practical addition and subtraction by telling stories with your child e.g. at tea time talk about adding more chips or eating different amounts of food. How many are you left with?

Home Learning

We will continue to use Tapestry and ask you to add your own observations from home. Weekly activities will also be uploaded on a Friday. If anyone needs anything printed, please do ask. Please complete across the week and upload pictures to show you have completed the task. Children will continue to be sent home with reading books, please continue to read these, talk about them and sign the reading diaries.