



Curriculum Information for Parents

Summer Term 1 – Beasts and Bugs

Reception

Communication, Language and Literacy

We will encourage your child to develop their literacy skills through our Beasts and Bugs topic this half term. We will be using a range of stories related to our topic to help influence our sentence writing. The children are now working on writing a range of sentences independently using finger spaces and full stops. We will also be having a go at; writing in a list, writing a letter and a short narrative about some of the focus stories that we read at school. The children will continue to work on their harder to read and spell words, it is very important that they practise these regularly, so that they can be used to support reading and writing. They will also be encouraged to read a range of sentences independently and talk ~ about what they have read in a lot of detail, using full sentences.



Numeracy

This half term we will be looking at numbers to 20 and beyond. The children will be encouraged to build upon the knowledge that they have gained within numbers up to 10, to help them to identify numbers up to 20. They will be encouraged to recognise that there is a pattern as the numbers are repeated. We will continue to look at subitising and understanding that there are different combinations of numbers within one number, for example, there is a 2 and a 3 in five as well as a 1 and a 1 and a 3. The children will work with the skills that they gain to enable them to count on and backwards from any given number to 20 and beyond. The children will also be introduced to subtraction this half term and use it alongside addition. We will use a range of toys and 10 frames to help with these skills. The children will be encouraged to recite number bonds to five and then ten.



Understanding the World

This half term we will develop our knowledge and understanding of the world through our 'Beasts and Bugs' topic. The children will be encouraged to look at a variety of objects and living things, while discussing their similarities and differences. They will also be encouraged to make observation of animals and plants and explain why some things occur, and to talk about the changes that happen over a period. We will look at the life cycle of mini-beasts and plants to help with our understanding of this. We will continue to use Information, Communications, Technology to help enhance our learning in all areas of the Foundation Stage Curriculum.



Expressive Art and Design

The children will be encouraged to use the resources that we have available to create a variety of different models, representations, drawings and paintings of different mini beasts and plants, during busy learning time and through outdoor learning. The children will also be encouraged to construct, manipulate objects and to use simple tools with increasing control and precision. The children will be encouraged to analyse their learning by; talking about what they have done, how they have done it and what they could do to make it better.



Physical Development

This half term we are going to continue to work on our letter formation, letter size and writing on a line during our phonics and literacy sessions. We will also focus on using scissors independently and cutting as close to the line as we can. We will continue to work on our control and co-ordination in large and small movements during outdoor learning in busy learning time. During our Wednesday PE sessions we will continue to work on ball skills and using these in a variety of races.



Personal, Social and Emotional

This half term the children will be encouraged to talk about how they and others may show their feelings and why they may feel this way. We will talk about their own and others' behaviour, and its consequences, and know that some behaviour is unacceptable. We will look at behaviour using our class always board and always rules. They will continue to work together as part of a group/class and understand why it is important to follow the rules.



Topic – Stories – People Who Help Us

- **The Very Hungry Caterpillar
- **Spinderella
- **Norman and the Slug
- **Growing Frogs
- **Bumblebear
- **Superworm



Religious Education

Our Christian value this half term is Truthfulness

At St. Thomas' we come together three times a week for collective worship, where we will focus on the value of Service. We will carry out discrete RE lessons on a Tuesday and Thursday in our classrooms, sometimes coming together with Year One to do this.

Home Learning and Other Relevant Information

- **Remember to be in the line for 10 to 9!
- **Reading Books: These will be changed once a week.
- **Reading at Home: It is very important that your child reads at least three times a week to support their learning in school — please write in the planner when your child has read at home, they will be rewarded for each read.
- **PE Day: Wednesday and continuous outdoor provision – the children are to come to school in their PE kits every Wednesday, please ensure that they are wearing trainers on PE days.
- **Homework Grid and Planner - Completed weekly and signed for Fridays.
- **Library visit – Friday Morning