

# Reception Newsletter

## Magical Minibeasts

Summer 1 2026

This half term our topic is **Magical Minibeasts**.

We will be looking at many different books related to the topic, such as:

- ◆ Mad about Minibeasts
- ◆ Bad Tempered Ladybird
- ◆ The Very Busy Spider
- ◆ Peep inside Bugs Homes
- ◆ Omar, the Bees and Me
- ◆ Being a Butterfly



This term we are looking forward to learning about minibeasts. We will encourage the children to develop an understanding of local habitats and the different minibeasts that live there. We will observe how things in the habitat grow and change over time and talk about what is happening. We will learn how to care for living things and their environment and discuss how we can have an impact on the things around us and how to help.

Through our topic, we will learn and use vocabulary linked to minibeasts and their habitats. We will continue to develop a love of reading and enjoyment through our topic books and other books that interest the children. We will continue our daily phonic sessions and use the knowledge in independent writing based around minibeasts. Through our phonics and writing we will continue to develop the correct formation of letters and formation of a short sentence including capital letters and full stops.

In maths we will be looking at sharing and grouping and how this links to odd and even numbers. We will develop our understanding of numbers to 20 and their place value. We will develop our recall of doubles to 10.



### Dates for your diary

- 23.4.26 R1 Forest School starts
- 23.4.26 R2 Forest School starts
- 1.5.26 Individual photos
- 4.5.26 Bank Holiday
- 6.5.26 Coffee, cake and chat
- 22.5.26 Break up for half term

### How you can help

- Encourage your child to write at home e.g. shopping list, cards and letters or even write their own story. Continue to share a range of books with them, discuss the characters and ask questions about the story.
- Can you child double numbers to 5 or 10? Use household objects to help. Can they help you share and group different things at home? Talk to them about numbers to 20.

Useful websites:

Numberblocks on cbeebies <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/numberblocks>

Alphablocks on cbeebies [www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/alphablocks](http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/alphablocks)