



# Reception/Year 1 Termly Newsletter

## Summer 1 - 2022

Starts Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April- Ends 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely and relaxed Easter break and that all children are ready to restart their hard work.



### Our Topic

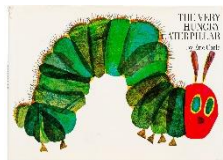
#### Creep, Crawl and Wriggle!

This half term, we will continue with our walk outdoor, following children well known interest in bugs. We will encourage children to investigate and ask questions about minibeasts and their habitats. We will start by carrying out a minibeast safari! Children will particularly explore the cycle of the butterfly by having their own caterpillar to look after! Shh... it is a surprise!

In our literacy sessions, we will retell stories and write fact card about our chosen minibeast. In our maths sessions, we'll predict and count ladybird spots and compare the lengths of caterpillars made from cubes, counters and beads.

#### Key stories to support

**our topic:** 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and 'Mad about Minibeasts'.



### Important Reminders

#### Reading at home



By now, most children are starting to read and write and we all have to celebrate this success. It is our duty to continue to support the children both in school and at home to ensure they continue to make progress. The ability to read is vital, it helps children to build their self-confidence and motivates them to set high expectations for life.

Please take the time to share a book with your children **every day**. Read to and listen to them

read the books they have in their book-bags or the ones set as homework on **Oxford Owl**. Don't forget to write your comments, in the reading record. Please read the attached leaflet.



#### Homework

**Read, read, read!** In addition to this, this term you will help your child to find out more about our topic. This must be shared on Fridays during our *Show & Tell* about your Homework. Pick **ONE** of these challenges to share with the rest of the class each week:

- ④ Visit local library and see how many books about minibeast you can find. Bring your favourite minibeast books to school and be prepared to tell why you have chosen that one.
- ④ Go on a minibeast hunt to the local park and draw and label some of the minibeasts you find.
- ④ Make a mini-booklet- Choose one of the crawlies you found on your hunt and make a booklet or leaflet about it. Booklet could have drawings or photos of the chosen bug. Then, use your phonics to write 1, 2 or 3 interesting facts about the chosen minibeast.



- ④ Craft: Paint a rock like a bug
- ④ Make a caterpillar or a butterfly using recycling materials.



**Look forward to seeing your home projects!**

**Year 1 Spellings**- Children in Year 1 will also take home a weekly spellings practice sheet. Please ensure your children read and write these 5 words daily. All children will have a short spelling test on Fridays.

### **OXFORD OWL - Virtual Library**



Just to remind you that all the children should now be accessing their Virtual Library on Oxford Owl. Reading homework has been set up for every child.

**Physical Education (PE)** - This term, our PE lessons, will take place on **Mondays** Children will have to come to school wearing black or navy blue bottoms and a white top. For safety reasons **no jewellery is allowed to be worn other than plain stud earrings.**



**Welly Wednesday** - We will continue with our afternoon 'Welly Wednesday' sessions. As normal, please send your child wearing old clothes that **cover arms and legs** to avoid being stung by nettles or bugs. Wear old comfortable shoes and **bring wellies in a bag** for wet days.

### **Thank YOU!!**

Thank so much to the parents who donated additional money last term!  
We bought a lovely book for the class and completed Easter cooking activities. Thank you also to the parents who came to our open afternoon and particularly we want to thank Cohan's Mum for helping us with our weekly reading.

Our aim is to keep in continuous communication with you. To facilitate this, we encourage you to keep your Dojo connected and check the updates regularly. Additionally, we invite you to check our class page on the website to see what we have been up to.



Thank you for your support and have an enjoyable term,

**Mrs Perez (Class Teacher)**

**Mrs White (Early Years Practitioner)**



### **Dates for the diary...**

- Ⓢ Election day- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May. School Closed for pupils. - Staff in school.
- Ⓢ Bank Holiday - Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May