



Reception Weekly Focus

Week Beginning: 8th April 2024

Welcome back to all of our wonderful children and families. We hope that you have had a lovely Easter break.

We will be starting our brand new topic of 'Habitats' this half term. This week we will making a mini beast habitat in our outdoor area. We will also be exploring our new investigation area role play.

We will be starting a new book 'The Gruffalo'. We will be listening and joining in with the story adding in actions and recalling some of the rhyming words. We will begin to explore the story using our tuff tray.

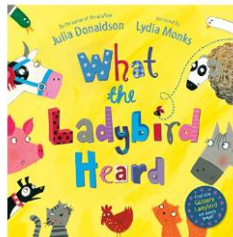
In RE we will begin our Easter topic by listening to the Easter story. We will be noticing the changes to our prayer focus in the classroom and learning about the symbols we see at Easter time.

Focus words this week: Easter, Habitat, Minibeast, Insect, Change

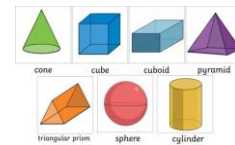
Talk about the words and what they mean. Can you use these words within a sentence throughout the week?

Focus Story:

What the
ladybird heard



Maths Focus:



We will be exploring 3D shapes. Take your child on a shape hunt and see if you can spot:

Cubes, cuboids, pyramids, cylinders or spheres

Encourage them to name solid shapes with their correct names, and use language such as faces, edges, round, straight and vertices with your child.



Rhyme of the Week:

There's a tiny caterpillar on a leaf, Wiggle Wiggle
There's a tiny caterpillar on a leaf, Wiggle Wiggle
There's a tiny caterpillar, a tiny caterpillar,
There's a tiny caterpillar on a leaf, Wiggle Wiggle

He will eat the leaves around him till he's full,
Munch, Munch!

He will eat the leaves around him till he's full,
Munch, Munch!

He will eat the leaves around him, eat the leaves around him,
He will eat the leaves around him till he's full,
Munch, Munch!

A cocoon is what he's spinning for his home, Spin, Spin!
A cocoon is what he's spinning for his home, Spin, Spin! A cocoon is
what he's spinning, A cocoon is what he's spinning,
A cocoon is what he's spinning for his home, Spin, Spin!

He will be a butterfly and flap like this, Flap Flap! He will be a
butterfly and flap like this, Flap Flap! He will be a butterfly, He will
be a butterfly, He will be a butterfly and flap like this, Flap
Flap!

Story Time

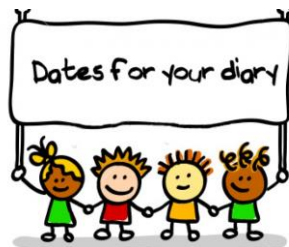
Reading books will be changed throughout the week.

1000 story books are available for your child to
change any time.



This week the children will:

- Welcome each other back to school and share any news
- Receive a very special package this week - please feel free to come into the classroom and take a look
- Listen to and talk about the Easter story
- Begin our new talk 4 writing book (What the ladybird heard) and begin to learn some actions
- Look for animals around us and the places that they live also noticing the changing signs of the season happening around us.
- Create a habitat for insects outside on a large scale.
- Play in our new role play area - investigating minibeasts!
- Model making using and naming 3D shapes
- Picture making using 2D shapes
- See how our vegetables and plants have grown over the Easter holiday
- Know what habitat means by exploring outdoors and looking at photos
- Explore our new curiosity cube
- Writing labels, lists and information linked to our new topic



Monday 8th April School reopens for the Summer term.