



We've had a great week, all the children enjoyed meeting the class caterpillars and are loving watching them grow. We look forward to them turning into butterflies.

In Literacy this week, we will begin our new text, 'The Very Busy Spider'. We will use role play and a story map to help us learn to retell the story. We will sequence the story.

In Maths this week, we will continue practising our counting skills. We will also practice writing our numbers. We will also develop our spatial awareness through completing different puzzles.

In RE, we will continue our next unit 'Easter - Alleluia'. We will recap our previous learning about how Jesus came back to life at Easter. We will also remember the word Alleluia and learn how this is a happy word that means praise. **With your child, talk about things that make you happy.**

In Understanding the World, we will continue our new topic of 'Minibeasts' through our continuous provision. However it is 'Earth Day' and we will learn the importance of looking after our planet.

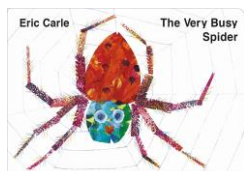
In Expressive Arts & Design, we will continue to think about Minibeasts and we will make stone ladybirds.

Focus words this week: **spider, puzzle, Jesus, Ladybirds, tangram**

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

Focus Story:

The Very Busy Spider



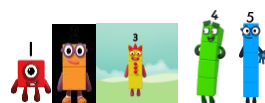
Rhyme of the week

There's a worm at the bottom of my garden

There's a worm at the bottom of the garden, And his name is Wiggly Woo.

There's a worm at the bottom of the garden, And all that he can do, is wiggle all night. And wiggle all day
Whatever else the people do say
There's a worm at the bottom of the garden. And his name is Wiggly Woo.

Maths Focus: Counting & Spatial Awareness



Can you practice counting?

Can you count different objects, by pointing to each object as you count?

Can you try to write the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5?

Can you complete any puzzles at home?

Story Time

Reading books will be changed on a Monday. Please send your child's book bag into school each day with their planner and reading book. Please ensure the planner is signed to show that you have read with your child. Thank you.

Nursery Staffing Arrangements

The Nursery class is being taught by a Nursery Team of staff: Mrs Bamforth, Mrs Evans (Teacher) and Mrs Machin (Teaching Assistant).

If you have any concerns, please contact Mrs Hannett.



As the weather is improving, please ensure your child has sun cream applied to them prior to coming to school.

Please send in a sunhat to wear when we are outdoors. If you want these can be kept in school, please just make sure your child's name is clearly labelled.

Home Readers

As you will have noticed, each of your children brought home a 'home reader' book. These are for you to read with your child and develop an enjoyment and excitement for reading.

You can change these books whenever you are ready too.

Morning parents: In the morning, when you drop your child off, there is a bookcase in the cloakroom, this is where the home readers are kept, please, return and collect a new one when you need too.

Afternoon parents: At the end of the day, when you collect your child, there is a bookcase in the cloakroom, this is where the home readers are kept, please, return and collect a new one when you need too.

This week the children will:

- Continue to practice our counting daily, numbers up to 16, when we count the children in class.
- We will read the story 'The Very Busy Spider'.
- We will learn to retell the story through a story map, actions and role play.
- We will sequence a story.
- We will practice counting.
- We will develop our spatial awareness skills through completing puzzles.
- Practice writing some pre-writing shapes and our names.
- We will learn about 'Earth Day' and how we can look after our planet.
- We will make stone ladybirds.
- Practising using our manners, saying 'Yes please', and 'No thank you' during snack time.
- We will learn to use 1p to pay for our snack at snack time.
- Practising taking turns and sharing during our guided play.
- We will role play in a Doctor's Surgery.
- We will learn about Easter.
- We will learn about Jesus rising from the dead.
- We will learn that Alleluia is a happy word that means praise.
- We will also continue to learn our daily prayers.

Important dates

Monday 22nd April - Earth Day

Monday 29th April - Incredible Eggs, Chicks and Ducks arrive in Early Years

MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY - Monday 6th May - School closed to everyone

Friday 17th May - Mad Hair Day - Pledge a pound to raise money for Fr Hudson. Children can come into school with mad hair. Please bring £1 to support the charity.

Saturday 18th May - School Mass at St Joseph's Darlaston, 4pm. All welcome.

BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM - Friday 24th May