



We've had a lovely first week back, well done to all the children for working so hard and coming back to school with a really positive attitude.

In Literacy this week, we will continue our new text, 'The Ant and the Grasshopper'. We will use role play to help us learn the story. We will be exploring some of the new language in the book and we will story map the story. We will also talk about our favourite part of the story.

In Maths this week, we will continue practising our counting skills up to 5 and practice writing the number 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. We will also develop our problem solving skills.

In RE, we will continue our next unit 'Easter - Alleluia'. We will read the story of Jesus' resurrection. We will learn about how Jesus came back to life at Easter. **With your child, talk about Jesus coming back to life.**

In Understanding the World, we will begin our new topic of 'Minibeasts' and we will learn about the life cycle of a butterfly. We will also meet the caterpillars in our classroom.

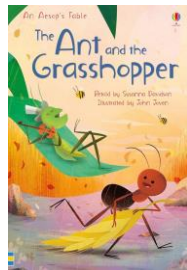
In Expressive Arts & Design, we will continue to think about Minibeasts and we will make butterfly pictures. We will also learn how to move like different minibeasts.

Focus words this week: **chrysalis, problem solving, risen, wriggle, gospel**

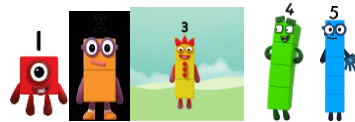
Talk about the words and what they mean. Can you use these words within a sentence throughout the week?

Focus Story:

The Ant and the Grasshopper



Maths Focus: counting to 5



Can you practice counting to 5?

Can you count 5 objects, pointing to each object as you count?

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

Rhyme of the week

Little Miss Muffet

Little miss Muffet she sat on her tuffet,
eating her curds eating and whey
Along came a spider, who sat down beside
her
And frightened miss Muffet away

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.

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 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.

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 Ant and the Caterpillar'.
- We will learn to retell the story through actions and role play.
- We will draw a story map.
- We will talk about our favourite part of the story.
- We will practice counting to 5.
- We will develop our problem solving skills.
- Practice writing some pre-writing shapes and our names.
- We will learn about the life cycle of a butterfly.
- We will make butterfly pictures.
- We will move like different minibeasts
- 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 also continue to learn our daily prayers.

Important dates

Monday 15th April - Caterpillars arrive in Early Years

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