



Welcome back to everyone after the Easter break. We hope it was fun, chocolate filled and mum and dad got time to rest. We have 7 weeks filled with lots of exciting things for this half term.

In Literacy this week, we will begin 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 sequence 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.

In RE, we will begin our next unit 'Easter - Alleluia'. We will talk about how Jesus came back to life at Easter. We will talk about the importance of the word 'Alleluia' and how this means praise and should make us feel happy. **With your child, talk about what words make us feel particularly happy.**

In Understanding the World, we will begin our new topic of 'Minibeasts' and we will talk about how different animals have different habitats. We will match some minibeasts to their habitat and make bug hotels, which we will put in our outdoor area.

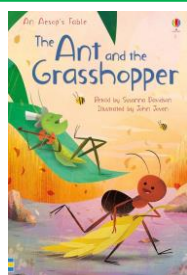
In Expressive Arts & Design, we will continue to think about Minibeasts and we will make shiny snails, using old CD's

Focus words this week: **habitat, grasshopper, Easter, snail, memories**

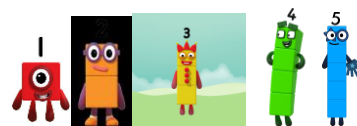
Talk about the words and what they mean. Can you use these words within a sentence throughout the week?

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

Incy Wincy Spider

Incy Wincy spider climbed up the
water spout.
Down came the rain And washed poor
Incy out.
Out came the sunshine and dried up
all the rain.
And Incy Wincy spider climbed up the
spout again.

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 sequence the story.
- We will practice counting to 5.
- Practice writing some pre-writing shapes and our names.
- We will learn about different habitats.
- We will make shiny snails.
- 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 the word Alleluia.
- We will also continue to learn our daily prayers.

Important dates

SUMMER TERM - Children return - Monday 8th April

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