



Reception Weekly Focus

Week Beginning: 17th April 2023

Welcome back to all of our wonderful children and families. We hope that you have had a lovely Easter break. Our duckling eggs arrive on the first day back!

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.

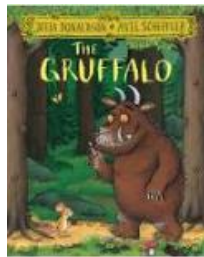
In RE we will begin our Easter topic by listening to the Easter story. We will be noticing the changes to our prayer focus in the classroom and learning about the symbols we see at Easter time.

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:

The Gruffalo



Maths Focus:

Counting on to add



Encourage your child to count on by holding a number in their head or in their fist (for example 5) and add three more using their fingers.... 6, 7, 8

Encourage children who find this tricky to count on in steps from any number. Start counting "16..." and ask them to continue counting on.. "17,18,19"



Rhyme of the Week:

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

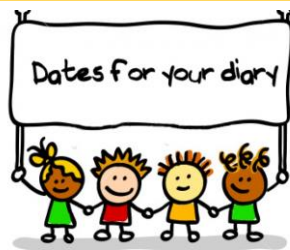
He will eat the leaves around him, eat the leaves around him,
He will eat the leaves around him till he's full,
Munch, Munch!

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!

This week the children will:

- Welcome each other back to school and share any news
- Receive a very special package on Monday afternoon - 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 (The Gruffalo) 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!
- Learn to add by counting on using our fingers and tens frames
- 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
- Using our Gruffalo tuff tray to tell the story in their own words



Monday 17th April School reopens for the Summer term.

Sunday 23rd April at 8.30am School and Parish Mass at St. Joseph's Church, Darlaston.

Tuesday 24th April at 11am School Easter Mass in the school hall. Parents welcome

Monday 1st May BANK HOLIDAY – school closed

Thursday 4th May May Procession in school at 2pm

Friday 5th May King Charles III Coronation celebrations in school – come to school dressed in red, white & blue.

Monday 8th May BANK HOLIDAY – school closed

Friday 26th May Break up at 3.15pm for Half term