

Early Years Newsletter -



English

For our literacy we are focusing on stories related to the new topic "It's a bugs life!". This includes stories such as 'The very hungry caterpillar', 'Mad about Minibeasts', 'The very greedy bee', and many more exciting tales that grasp the children's interest. We will be using different writing formats such as writing frames, posters, labels, signing in forms and various other mark making resources. As an addition we shall continue with building upon pupils knowledge of simple sentence writing. This then continues with the mark making and reading opportunities allowing the children to use the learned sounds in Rocket Phonics. Our start six story this half term is "Duck in a Truck".

PSHE

During the half term children will focus on an in-depth understanding of how to communicate with others and build the independent skills required in social situations. This will be in linked with the Jig-Saw strategies we introduce to the pupils. This half term we shall be informing pupils of how to be a 'Healthy Me'.

Maths

We shall continue learning about our numbers this term and begin familiarising ourselves with vocabulary in regards to subtraction, as well as number problems. There will be a continuous focus on counting; using the correct methods

and resources to express reasoning; identifying teen numbers; and focus on identifying counting in groups of two, fives, tens and threes! Children will able to use real life objects as part of their role play to en-



hance their vocabulary and problem solving skills. This will then lead to explanation of their reasoning and development of individual thought processes. Songs and specific tasks will help to explain their learning, as well as visual, playful, activities in all areas of provision.

Homework

Please read the book given to your child on the weekend and return on a Monday for pupils to change once completed.

Topic

The Spring Two topic relates to our new focus "It's a bugs life!". This explores and embraces pu-



pil's imagination when discussing their understanding of our our world and real life insects! We will explore and elaborate on various an, which links to our pupils understanding of similarities and differences of living thing. It will be great to enhance their learning in relation to the world around us and specifically look at our community. We will be focusing on the artist

Sophia Vari who works with plaster and clay; as well as the importance of health fruit and vegetables, where pupils will be able to try food and create smoothies.



Reading Book



We will be encouraging the children to read every day. Please listen to your children read at home and sign their reading record. Reading

books and other school resources should be brought back into school every day.