

Nursery Pentecost 1



Understanding the World

Our theme this half term is "mini beasts". We shall be going on a bug hunt in the school garden and looking carefully at all the different shapes and sizes of what we find. We shall also be looking at the life cycles of frogs and butterflies, looking at how they change. We shall be using magnifying glasses and taking photographs of some of the bugs and insects that live in the Nursery garden.

To help at home: Talk to your child about the different plants and animals that they can see either at home in the garden or as they walk to school.



Mathematics

The children will continue to practise counting in the Nursery and we shall use this to help us count out seeds and plants in our role play area. The children will also be encouraged to think of where and how numbers are used in the environment, e.g. house numbers. We shall also be working on using correct positional language e.g. behind, in front of etc.

To help at home: Talk to your child about numbers they can find around the home.

Physical Development



We will be taking all children up into the hall and if the weather allows outside onto the field. We shall play simple games and try to develop balance. We will encourage the children to recognise the effect of exercise on their bodies. **To help at home:** Talk about how you know when you are feeling hot and the different ways you can cool down.

Expressive Arts and Design

We shall be using a variety of construction materials, supporting children in thinking about what they want to make and what they might need. We will encourage them to use a wider vocabulary to talk about their observations and experiences.



Communication and Language

The children shall be working in groups to talk to each other and to listen. We will be encouraging the children to make themselves clear when speaking. They will be given time when thinking about what they want to say and also to listen and respond appropriately.

To help at home: Encourage your child to follow simple instructions.



Literacy

The children are encouraged to recognise their own name and also a variety of different signs and logos that they see regularly. We will continue to be reading a wide variety of books talking about how books and stories are structured.

To help at home: Share

Personal Social and Emotional Development



We will be encouraging the children to be more independent, to be able to select and use a variety of resources with help. The children will take part in circle time activities which will be based on thinking about feelings and to improve confidence. We will encourage children to communicate with adults when they need help.

Please take the opportunity to discuss and research these topics further with your child — thank you.