

Expressive Arts and Design



As part of our topic on mini beasts we will use different materials and media to make representations of mini beasts.

We will explore colour and pattern in the style of Pablo Picasso and Wassily Kandinsky.

We will make observational drawings of mini beasts and use natural materials to create mini beasts.

We will create mini sculptures using clay and natural materials.

To help at home: Encourage your child to represent their own ideas, thoughts and feelings through art, music, dance, role play and stories.

Physical Development



We will continue to develop our fine motor skills through a variety of activities such as play dough, handwriting patterns, scissor skill and threading. We will develop our handwriting and letter formation during weekly handwriting sessions. During P.E. we will develop our gross motor movements by learning to move confidently in a range of ways, safely negotiating space.

We will be learning about healthy choices and healthy lifestyles and how good practices with regard to exercise, eating, sleeping and hygiene can contribute to good health.

To help at home: Encourage your child to write independently and to write their full name with the correct letter formation.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Linked to RE, our main topic is 'Growing' and we will learn how we can grow in love of Jesus.

During circle time children have the opportunity to talk, listen, ask questions, and contribute their own feelings and ideas to the group. They will learn to take account of one another's ideas about how to organise their activity and show sensitivity to others' needs and feelings.

Children will continue to share what work they have done in their learning logs with the rest of the class and form positive relationships with adults and other children.

To help at home: Continue to talk with your child about the weekly topic in their learning logs so that they feel confident to share this with the rest of the class.



Mathematics



Through practical activities we will continue to learn to count and recognise numbers up to 20 by singing number rhymes, chanting and counting. We will continue to learn to count forwards and back from 20 and place them in order and say which number is one more or less than a given number. Using quantities and objects we will learn to add and subtract two single-digit numbers and learn to count on or back to find the answer.

Children will learn to use everyday language to talk about size, weight, capacity, position, distance and time, to compare quantities and objects and to solve problems.

To help at home: Ask your child to count on or back from a given number to help them become really confident with numbers from 1 to 20.

Literacy / Communication and Language



We will continue to learn the sounds letters make (phonics) and be learning to read and understand simple sentences.

The children will use their phonic knowledge to decode regular words and read them aloud accurately. They also continue to read some common irregular words (tricky words).

They will develop their writing by using their phonic knowledge to begin to write words which match their spoken sounds and they will begin to write simple sentences which can be read by themselves and others. We will also look at a variety of story books and non-fiction books linked to our topic on mini beasts and we will use these to create our own non-fiction books in class.



To help at home: Please continue to help your child at home by listening to them read their school reading book and talk about the weekly topic in their learning logs.

Understanding the World



We will be learning about mini beasts and the life cycles of different animals.

We will go on a mini beast walk and discover the different types of mini beasts that are in the school environment. The children will make observations of animals and plants and be able to explain why some things occur, and talk about changes they notice.

We will be growing beans/cress and recording changes.

To help at home: Talk to your child about the importance of taking care of the environment and encourage them to identify the different mini beasts that they see around them.