

Home Reading

Thank you for your support with the home reader programme.

Here are a few reminders about the programme.

Home Reader Programme Day: Books will be changed every TUESDAY and FRIDAY

Please continue to support your child by ensuring they read the book that they bring home with them and return it every Tuesday and Friday. Even though your child is not a reader yet, you can support them by reading to them emphasising key words and initial sounds, talking about the pictures and asking questions about what you have read together.

Many thanks for your support with your child's reading. If you have any other questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

We have been discussing and exploring our emotions, what they are and how we can express ourselves.

We are reading a book called 'The Colour Monster' by Anna Llenas, which is about a monster who is feeling very mixed up.

He's yellow, blue, red, black and green all at once.

Can you help him? This stunning book explores colours and feelings in a fun and gentle way.



We are looking forward to a great half term and thank you all for your continuing support!



St John and St James C of E Primary School

Dear Nursery Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the new half term, its Summer! We hope you and your children are refreshed.

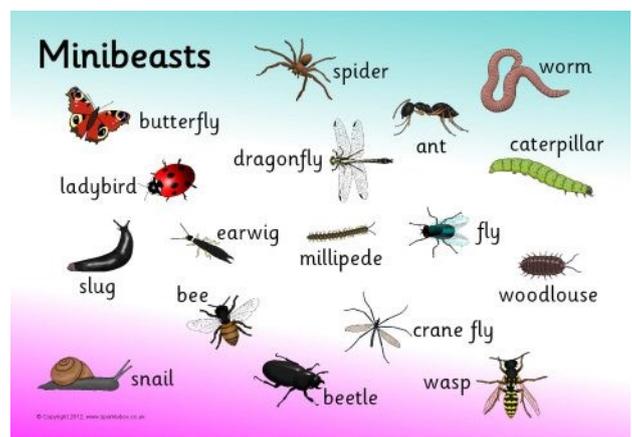
This newsletter gives you some information about what they will be learning over the coming weeks.

Minibeasts

We have started our new topic this half term—'Minibeasts'.

This half term we will explore all things minibeast related, what they are and where you would find them. We will be looking at the life cycle of a butterfly and have some tiny visitors to watch transform!

We will be reading stories linked to our topic, as well as learning about the different environments minibeasts live in.

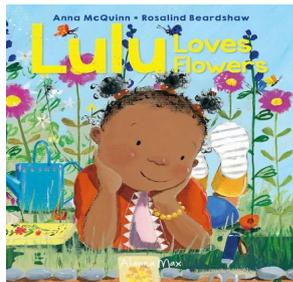
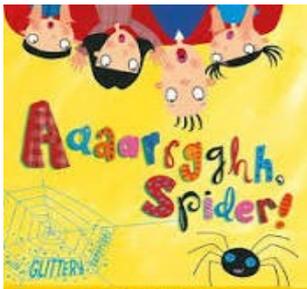


Literacy

Our topic books this half term are 'Aaaarghhh Spider' and 'Lulu Loves Flowers'.

We will be drawing a story map which visually reinforces the series of events in the book so that we can continue to develop repeating words or phrases from familiar stories in a variety of settings. You can continue to promote a love of mark making at home, encouraging the use of a wide range of mark making tools.

We will be continuing with Phase 1 phonics and beginning to introduce Phase 2 of our phonics programme towards the end of this half term. We will be learning the sounds you can find below. These sounds are **s, a, t, p, i, n.**



In Nursery we have been focusing on making marks in various ways. We will be focusing on mark making stripes, zig zags, waves, circles, dots and swirls. We use many mark making tools such as large crayons, felt tips, colouring pencils, chalk, water and paint to name a few.

If you can create opportunities for your child to do this at home we would be very grateful as it will enhance their grip and they will move through the mark making stages with confidence.

The children have been practicing their cutting skills using scissors. They have been learning how to hold scissors and use them safely to cut lines in paper as well as cutting out pictures for their 'Life-cycle of a Butterfly' piece of work. If you could encourage you child to continue to practice their scissor hold and cutting skills it would be much appreciated.

Maths

We have lots to focus on this half term in maths! We are continuing to learn and develop our understanding of matching numerals to quantities as well as looking at cardinal numbers.

We will be focusing on reciting numbers past 5 and one to one correspondence as well as comparing 2 groups of objects identifying the 'same'.



Reminders

While our days are getting warmer, please make sure your child is coming in with a jacket and hat. We do use aprons when playing with water and engaging in messy play, we ask that children bring in a change of named clothes in a plastic bag to stay at school in the event they are needed.

Please also ensure your child brings a sun hat, water bottle and has sun-cream already applied before school on sunny days.



Growing Plants

We have been busy planting flower seeds and watering them and now they have started to grow! We are very excited about it and are looking forward to seeing butterflies visiting our flowers!

We will be continuing to learn about plants and will be growing our own herbs and vegetables. If you have any old or unwanted pots for plants (terracotta or ceramic/cement) we would love to put them to good use in nursery—please don't buy any for us, just if you have any hidden in the depths of your garden shed.

