



# Wrens' Newsletter

This half terms focus is:  
Minibeasts.

## **A Challenge!!**

Imagine that you are an entomologist (someone who studies insects). You are working at Gooderstone Water Gardens when you come across a minibeast you are unfamiliar with. After looking through all of your resources, you realise that this is a species that has never been discovered before.

Your challenge is to record your newly found minibeast. You can do this in lots of ways including: 3D models, drawings, labelling, fact sheets, PowerPoint presentations, video recordings or any other way you can think of.

I can't wait to see the exciting new minibeasts you have discovered!

The children can bring in their projects when they have finished them and they will be displayed in class. They will be displayed in Sharing Assembly during the last week of term.

The theme this half term is 'Minibeasts'. The children have all helped with the planning of the theme and work will be entirely around the children's questions and ideas. Each week a different minibeast will be studied and many areas of the curriculum will follow that focus.

The children will begin to work in the garden and develop our outside area. This is an ongoing project and the children are learning to take responsibility for helping to look after our school.

If anybody is a keen gardener and would like to help look after our gardens then please speak with me.

*At home, you may like to talk about what the children have been learning and help with their home challenge.*

## Wrens' News

The theme this term is Minibeasts.

*I hope you have had a lovely Easter and are full of excitement (and chocolate) for the new term ahead. This half term we are focussing on minibeasts (insects).*

### Communication, Language and Literacy.

This half term we will be honing our skills as writers and will be involved in the business of story writing. We will be making story plans and using these to write and create their own stories. We will be focussing on our handwriting making sure we form our joins and letters carefully. We will also be creating interesting sentence with capital letters and full stops.

*To help at home- continue the fab work on word and reading books. Also to help the children with the next phase of their development try to get your children to practise their writing whenever you can (e.g. - writing cards, shopping lists, letters and emails.*

### Mathematical Development.

This term in maths we will be working on recognising, writing and counting with numbers up to 20 and beyond. As part of our work on calculations we will look at different strategies for both adding and subtracting. We will also be looking at standard and non-standard units of measure for capacity, weight and length. The children will be looking at 2D and 3D shapes as well as patterns and symmetry.

*To help your child at home, play lots of games, such as bingo, snap and snakes and ladders. Children love playing these games and they have great educational value.*

### Knowledge and understanding of the world.

This half term the children will be learning how to care for their environment. They will look for different insects that live on our school grounds. The children will be labelling body parts of Minibeasts and understanding about life cycles. We hope to make a Minibeast Hotel at some point this half term! We will continue to cook each week and are asking for another £2 contribution toward ingredients.

### Creative development.

This half term the children will be creating artwork using clay, junk modelling, food, paints and fabric. In music the children will be exploring percussion instruments (tuned and untuned), composing short pieces of music and learning new songs.

*At home, listen to different kinds of music and discuss which music you like and don't like.*

### Physical Development.

On Monday mornings we will be we will be looking at different athletic skill. Children will need warm outdoor PE clothes and trainers (not plimsolls) as these sessions will take place outside in all but the wettest or coldest weather.

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development.

This half term's theme is 'Changes. The children will be exploring what is right and wrong, dealing with negative feelings in a positive way and to respect similarities and differences between people

*If your child has any issues with friends/peers, try to discuss these issues and help your child to resolve them.*

*Your children's happiness and overall development in this school is very important to all of us. We will endeavour to provide your child with a high quality and suitable education helping and encouraging them in any area they need to develop. It is important for home and school to work together as a team to ensure that your child gets the best first experiences at school. If there are any worries please feel free to speak to me at any point, don't let a small worry become a big problem.*