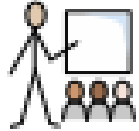




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We hope you have all had a lovely Half Term break and managed to enjoyed some special family time. I cannot quite believe we are now in the last few weeks of the school year! The children have settled well back into the routines of the classroom and are already engaging well with their learning.

Our theme this half term is **Minibeasts**. So, we will be learning about all the different types of Minibeast and their habitats. We are also hoping to visit a Butterfly Farm as part of the topic.

In **Literacy**, we will be focussing on 'Talk for Writing' our text focus will be *Aaarrgghh Spider* by Lydia Monks. The children will be getting to know the story well, we will look at the characters, events and settings as well as the repeated refrains used in the text. The children will be retelling the story using a story map and signs as well as innovating the story (coming up with their own characters settings and events).

In **Maths shape space and measure**, we are going to be looking at prepositions. The children will be learning what this means and how to apply it using concrete and pictorial resources. They will be considering the prepositions on, off, in, under, over, next to, inbetween, in front of and behind. In **Maths number**, we will be looking at the concept of subitising (knowing the number of items present without having to count them. We will be using a variety of resources such as fingers, dice, cubes and minibeasts to demonstarte how we can recognise quantities within 10 without the need to count them.

As a part of the **Minibeasts** topic we will be looking at habitats and what these are as well as what different animals need from their habitats. We will consider the features of these animals and make comparisons between them.

In **PE**. We will be looking at Athletics, learning to stop and start correctly as well as practicing some of the sports of athletics.





Willow Class Reminders-



We will continue to have **PE on Wednesday mornings**, so please send your child's PE kit on a Wednesday for them to change into. Getting changed for PE is an important part of the children's development. Please encourage your child to change independently at home whenever possible.



We also have **Forest School on Thursday mornings**. Please can your child come to school dressed in jogging bottoms and a long-sleeved top. Also, if you can, send wellies and waterproofs on this day if these are not left in school already. As the weather has been so wet, waterproof trousers would be useful too.



We **read** with the whole class on a **Wednesday afternoon**. Please ensure your child's reading book is in their bag on this day. We would appreciate it if the books are kept in the children's bags everyday so we can take advantage of any additional reading time when possible.



Please help us to ensure that the children are happy and healthy by sending in a water bottle every day and if you're child has a packed lunch, it should be as healthy as possible.



We are looking forward to a fun half term, full of learning and excitement.



Please contact me, via the office, if you have any questions or queries

Many thanks,
Nicky Edginton

