



Curriculum Newsletter

Spring Term 1

Butterflies Class – KS1



As Readers we will be learning to orally retell the story 'The Tiny Seed'. We will look at the structure of a story through creating story maps and sequencing the story. We will also be learning how to tell an exciting journey story, using the seed's adventure as it travels through its life cycle. Our phonics work will be learning set 2 and 3 letter sounds and using these to read the words in our storybooks speedily.



As Writers we will continue to write for different purposes including our Tuesday Newsday, stories about a journey of a seed and fact files about plants. We will extend our sentences to include adjectives (describing words) and combine our sentences using words like 'and', 'because' and 'but'.

As Mathematicians we will be using our Super Snack time to explore different areas of Maths skills...these will include addition and subtraction, doubling numbers, multiplication by grouping and making arrays, measuring height and using money.



As Scientists we will be observing and describing how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants. We will find out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy. We will also be learning how to look after our environment and plants and wildlife, including taking part in the RSPB's School Birdwatch.

As Explorers we will be observing and talking about changes in the weather and the seasons. We will be looking at some different climates around the world and compare polar regions with desert regions.



As Artists and Designers we will be looking at the beauty of flowers and creating some observational drawings of real flowers. We will look at the work of famous artists who paint flowers and plants, such as Georgia O'Keeffe, William Morris and Vincent Van Gogh.

As Good Citizens we will be learning to understand the importance of listening to other people, to play and work cooperatively and recognising what a good friend looks like. We will explore the ways in which people and families are unique, understanding there has never been and will never be another them.



As Theologians we will be learning that people have different beliefs and that some people follow religions and others do not. We will learn to be able to talk about our own views, whilst respecting the views of our friends.

As Athletes we will be working with our sports coach Mr Bobin to develop our balance, agility and co-ordination, through gymnastic lessons. Our PE lessons will be on a Monday morning.



As Musicians we will be learning to perform The Big Bear Funk, using our voices and instruments. We will begin to develop an understanding of pitch and melody in music.

This overview is intended to give you a flavour of what we will be learning this half term. If you recognise any of this 'good learning' at home, please feel free to pop it on Class Dojo. This will help us to recognise the next steps in learning that your child needs to take.