



6th April 2017

Dear Parents

Our topic for next term is 'It's a Bug's Life!' where we will be finding out about mini-beasts, creepy crawlies and life cycles. During the term both Reception classes will be going on a trip to the Butterfly Farm in Stratford and we will finish our topic with an Ugly Bug Ball in the Copse.

Literacy

In Literacy, we will continue to revise sounds and 'tricky' words. We will also be extending the children's vocabulary and using 'talk-for-writing' to help us remember important facts about the life cycle of a butterfly. The children will begin to use more complex sentences and to improve their writing skills in preparation for their move into Year 1. We will continue to revise letter formation, further develop reading and writing skills, experience different types of writing eg stories, information writing about mini-beasts and the life cycle of a butterfly and a frog.

Mathematics

Our Mathematics work will include learning about money and we will use coins in our role play to help us to learn about paying and giving change. We will continue to count to 20 and beyond, compare, order and recognise numbers to 20, write numbers to 10 and beyond, solve simple practical problems using addition and subtraction, solve problems, including doubling, halving and sharing, compare quantities - more/less, heavier/lighter, describe and name 2D and 3D shapes.

Children will have opportunities to create paintings, models, collages etc. related to our topic work alongside free choice activities. During music we will be exploring percussion instruments and making percussion instruments out of junk for a musical wall. We will be exploring the school grounds and den building in the Copse. Please continue to send in items for junk modelling.

Library books

Please check at home for any outstanding library books. Please could library books be returned to school on **Fridays**. If your child has their library book in their bag on a Friday they will be able to change it for a different one.

PE Kits and Welly Boots

After Easter we will be having some of our PE lessons outside