



Friday 24th April

Dinosaurs have certainly proven to be a very popular topic; the children have really enjoyed our start to the summer term! Next week we will be moving on to learning about mini-beasts.

On the next page is a minibeast spotter sheet which the children may enjoy using at home over the next 2 weeks.

If your child uses the sheet, please send it into school with them on Friday 8th of May for some extra stickers!



## Phonics

Next week, we will begin phase 4 of phonics. There are no new sounds in phase 4 but there are new tricky words to learn as well as exploring words with more challenging blends.

## Reading

The children's reading skills are really improving as the summer term progresses. This is the term when children will really ramp up their fluency and speed as they decode the words in their books so keep up the extra reading practise at home!

**Maths**—This week we have explored length and height. At EYFS level, we focus on comparing heights and lengths as well as measuring lengths and heights using non-standard units of measurement such as cubes. Next week we will be strengthening our understanding of the counting system beyond 20 by exploring the 10s numbers up to 100.

## Appropriate footwear

We please ask that, on P.E. days and Forest School days when children are not wearing normal school shoes, children are not sent to school in clogs. While the children either remove or change their footwear for these special activities, they still spend the majority of their day in whatever footwear they come to school in and we have noticed an increasing number of children coming in wearing clogs which are not a safe shoe to wear around school. As they are not a solid structure, they don't provide enough protection from bumps and scrapes as well as not being protective enough for going in the water area and bad weather. If children come to school in clogs they will need to change into their wellies.

## Warmer weather

Not wishing to jinx anything but as we head ever closer towards the summer, we wanted to remind parents about sending in sunhats and sunglasses for children to have available during the school day. With our morning and afternoon choosing times, as well as lunch-break, the children do spend a good portion of their day outside so please send children in with named hats for them to use as the weather gets sunnier. A reminder that sunscreen should be administered at home before school if needed and can be topped up at lunchtime by children if you think they are able to.

## Jewellery and accessories.

We kindly ask that children do not come into school with bracelets/bangles/watches as they are often sources of distraction for the children wearing them and others around them. Also it can be very upsetting for the children if such items get lost or broken at school—thank you!



Let's all go on a bug hunt!  
How many can you spot?



Worm



Bumblebee



Ladybird



Moth



Minibeast  
hunt!



Snail



Spider



Millipede



Slug



Butterfly



### Did you find them all?

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