



Friday 1st May

The children have shown so much enthusiasm for minibeasts! If your families come across any interesting minibeasts either in the garden at home or while you are out and about, please snap a picture and send it in, the children will really enjoy trying to work out what kind of creature it is! We will be continuing our minibeast topic into next week. A reminder that in last week's newsletter is a bug hunt sheet if you would like to go hunting for some tiny creatures together with your children!

We hope you all have a lovely bank holiday weekend. As a result, there will be no PE next week.

Phonics

This week we have begun phase 4 of our phonics. Phase 4 reinforces previous taught sounds by exploring more complicated words with adjacent consonants—these are harder for the children to hear and segment! We also introduce more tricky words to the children. The tricky words this week were: **said**, **so**, **have** and **like**.

Reading

A reminder that children will be reading different books in school to the ones they are taking home. Their home book level will be reviewed soon so please keep up the practice at home!

Maths—This week we have been exploring the number patterns beyond 20 by exploring 10s numbers up to 100. While it is not a requirement of EYFS maths to be able to count to 100, a good understanding of how the counting system works beyond 20 really helps set children up for more formal learning in Year 1 and beyond. Next week we will be exploring how to represent and record addition questions.

Questions you can ask at home.

Every week in our classrooms, we explore so much learning together and we understand that some children don't always feel able to talk about what they have learned. Every week going forward, we will add some questions from our week you can ask your child at home to encourage them to recall their learning:

Do minibeasts have bones inside their bodies?

Can all minibeasts fly?

Which big 10s number looks like number 4?

How did you decide to rescue Flip Flop in Drawing Club?

Friday 8th May

Next Friday is class photos. Please send your children in normal school uniform with a jumper / cardigan for the picture.

Goslings will still do Forest School after their picture, please send in waterproof clothing as normal but send your children to school in normal school uniform. The children will put their waterproofs over their uniforms for their Forest School session