

Communication & Language

We will continue focussing on developing speaking and listening skills and model rich language throughout the day. Talk to your child about what they have been learning at school and encourage them to learn and use new words when describing things to you. We will be reading lots of stories around the theme of mini beasts and encouraging children to recall the events in stories and talk about the different characters.

Physical Development

We will learn to perform the basic fundamental skills of games and gymnastic activities and we will continue to develop a range of basic skills, actions and ideas in two activity areas.

We will begin to remember and repeat simple skills and actions with increasing control and coordination. Children will choose and identify skills and actions, applying these in sequence and combination. They will observe, copy and describe what they have learnt, and practise throwing and catching a ball.

Our PE day is Friday.

Please ensure that your child brings to school the correct kit and footwear.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Our topic this half term is '**Mini Beasts**'. We will be learning about the different species of mini beasts. The children will learn facts about each mini beast and discover their life cycles. We will be discussing how to look after mini beasts and empathise with stories around behaviour.

At home you could visit the Wolves Lane Horticultural and Garden Centre and take your child to see the butterflies and dragonflies. Talk to your child about the different types of mini beasts there are and see which ones you can find in your garden or at the park.

The children will continue to build stories and use available resources to create props to support role-play. We will explore our feelings and think about how different situations make us feel. Children will also be encouraged to identify and celebrate things that they are good at and share this with their peers. We will end the topic with our very exciting **Ugly Bug Ball**, we look forward to sharing our costumes with the parents and carers in our Ugly Bug parade!



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Literacy

We will continue to teach phonics four times a week and will focus on literacy activities in order to develop comprehension skills and independent writing. Children will write simple sentences which can be read by themselves and others.

The books that we are sharing with the children in this topic include:

Billy's Beetle (Mick Inkpen)

The Bad Tempered Ladybird (Eric Carle)

The Very Busy Spider (Eric Carle)

Read with your child every day and look at non-fiction books about mini beasts. Encourage your child to practise writing simple sentences independently using capital letters and full stops, ensuring letters are correctly formed.

Parents/Carers are welcome to attend our Come and Read session on:

Thursday 19th May at 8:45am– 9:15am.

At The Devonshire Hill Nursery and Primary School, we strive to ensure our children are prepared for the world in which they will grow up to live in.

We teach our children:

Responsibility
Initiative
Curiosity
Optimism

Independence
Generosity
Perseverance
Social Intelligence

Mathematics

We will be counting in 10s and 5s using Numicon and we will identify and name different coins and say the value of some coins. We will be finding different ways of making totals and sorting shapes. We will count back to solve practical subtraction problems and share amounts to 10 equally into given groups. We will also halve and double numbers.

At home you can encourage your child to add two numbers together to find the total using resources such as cubes or pasta.

Encourage your child to practise doubling numbers for example double 3, double 5 and practise sharing quantities evenly into halves and quarters and reinforce the emphasis that they must be shared equally.



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Expressive Art & Design

The children will be making different representations of mini beasts selecting a variety of different resources and tools competently and appropriately. They will continue to create music and dance and experiment with ways of changing rhythms.

Continue to support your child by encouraging them to draw, paint and use scissors correctly. Encourage your child to develop their imaginary skills by encouraging inventiveness and offer support and advice when they need it.

Understanding The World

We will be learning about the life cycles of different mini beasts and labelling diagrams from our observations. We will explore the similarities and differences between mini beasts and sort them into graphs accordingly.

Talk to your child about the different stages in the life cycle of a frog. Use a variety of different media to explore mini beasts by using books in libraries and researching on the internet.

