



# EYFS Curriculum Newsletter

## Summer A



### Our topic this half term is called 'Bugs, Beans and Tall Dreams'

Lurking underneath our feet is a mini world of insects and plants. The more we look the more we find; animals and plants are everywhere! We will search for mini beasts, grow some plants from seed and find out about animal life cycles. We will find out about people whose job is to watch and observe animals.

#### Literacy

**Writing:** This half term we will be writing in and for a range of contexts such as instructions, life cycles and sequencing. We will focus on several key texts including Oliver's Vegetables, Jasper's Beanstalk and Little People, Big Dreams.

We will be encouraging children to use capital letters, finger spaces, full stops and correct letter formation when writing. In our phonics lessons we will continue to write words which include a digraph (2 letters pushed together to make 1 sound) and all taught helpful words.

**Reading:** This half term we will be teaching a range of digraphs, trigraphs and helpful words from our Floppy's Phonics scheme. A copy of this half term's week by week can be found in your child's blue homework book. Each week we will have a book of the week which links to our topic, we are sure the children will love discussing this story with you!

#### Maths

**Number:** We will be building numbers to 20 and verbally counting beyond. We will continue to develop our subtraction and addition.

**Numerical Patterns:** We will continue with our shape of the week and look at how shapes can be rotated and manipulated.

**KIRFS:** (Key Instant Recall Facts) This is taught daily to help the children recall number facts quickly. This term we will be focusing on using physical objects to add and subtract single digits.

**Click here for further support on Maths@Moorlands**

Please continue to use Numbots to help develop recall and fluency in addition and subtraction.

#### Further Areas of Learning this Half Term

**Expressive Arts and Design:** We will be developing our art skills through making a sculpture. We will also look at colour mixing with paint and experimenting with different textures and materials.

**Understanding the World:** We will be learning about life cycles and will be able to watch caterpillar change to butterflies in our very classrooms. We will also observe how things change over time and comparing what is the same / different. This term we will also start our first ICT sessions where we will be learning how to log on and open / close a program.

**Physical Development:** We will continue with dough gym, scissor control, fine motor activities and developing letter formation.

**Communication and Language:** We love our circle times, and these are helping us to understand the importance of listening to others as they speak and turn taking in conversations. We will continue to work in talk partners and sharing our feelings and thoughts with one another.

**Personal, Social and Emotional Development:** Through our story times we will continue to discuss what makes us special. We will focus on building resilience and discuss our hope and dreams for the future.

### **Reading**

Reading books are changed weekly; we will read with your child in school throughout the week. Please leave your child's reading packet in your child's book bag each day. Could we also ask that you make a brief comment in your child's reading record as to how they got on with the book.

Please take time to share other books (including the school library book) with your child when you can, as this will greatly enhance your child's language skills and love of reading.

We are also very excited to be continuing our weekly Thursday morning reading session where you are invited to come into school and share a story with your child from 8:45-9:10.

### **Reminders**

Your child should bring their book bag and water bottle to school every day. Please ensure they have a PE kit and wellies in school, that are all labelled.

**Early Essence is now being published every Friday.**

#### **Contact Details**

Please do contact us if you have any questions or require any further support!

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#### **PE days**

**P.E.** All classes have their PE on a Tuesday.

#### **Forest School**

Happy Hearts and Dazzling Diamonds will be visiting Forest School this term. Forest School is a great opportunity for the children to develop their independence and confidence whilst learning outside.

HH Tuesday and Wednesday

DD Thursday and Friday

