

Nursery Newsletter

Summer 1 ~ 2019



Creatures



...bugs, mini-beasts, creepy crawlies...

Whatever you call them, they are captivating!
...and we look forward to finding out all about them this half term.

We will celebrate everything we have learnt with an extra special
adventure on Tuesday 22nd May to the Durham Botanical Gardens!



Remember to share your successes from home
by sending in a **WOW star**



We're going on a bug hunt...



For our family event this half term we are inviting you to come
and be explorers with us! We will be adventuring around
our outdoor classroom hunting for minibeasts.



Don't worry though, we'll reward all your hard work
with a special treat!

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Our exploration will take place on **Wednesday 8th May**  
from **10.30-11.30** for morning grown ups and **2.00-3.00** for afternoon grown ups  
(parents of full time children please choose whichever is most convenient).



*We look forward to sharing our fun!*

Please remember to write your child's name in their  
clothes so that lost items can be speedily returned.

*Thank you for your help in this 😊*

This half term we are focusing on creatures.

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Throughout our topic we will enjoy learning all about the teeny tiny creatures that live in our gardens and the local woodlands and parks. We know the children will love hunting for mini-beasts and finding our facts about them. We will also share some lovely stories and rhymes about these fascinating bugs.



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You could find out more about creepy crawlies by visiting the library.

Here are some other activities that you can enjoy at home to support your child's learning...

### Communication, Language and Literacy

We will be enjoying lots of rhyming books about creatures by one of our favourite authors, Julia Donaldson. You could borrow some of the stories we are enjoying from the library, and enjoy the rhythm and rhyme at home.

We are working very hard in Nursery to hold our pencils correctly, with 'froggy fingers'. Please remind your child to hold pens and pencils correctly EVERY time they colour and draw at home as well.

### Physical development

Move like a bug... we love to pretend in Nursery, so take that fun into your home and move like your favourite mini-beasts! Creepy, crawling, sliding, fluttering are all super ways to move—but who will be the best?

Independence! We are encouraging all our children to develop their self help skills by putting on their own coats and cardigans. Please allow a little extra time at home to get ready so they can show off how fabulous they are at getting ready!

### Personal, Social and Emotional development

Through our focus on maths games we will be developing our turn taking and sharing skills, as well as resilience when we don't win. Play lots of games with your children, helping them to be proud winners as well as gracious runner-ups.

Please and thank you—remind your child to use these words all the time—so we can show our good manners to everyone in school and out.

### Maths

Play beetle—if you don't have the game at home, it is easy to play with a dice and paper to draw the beetle as you build it.

Roll the dice to get each piece of the beetle. Remember that you need a body to start!

- 1 = body
- 2 = head
- 3 = antennae's (need 2)
- 4 = eyes (need 2)
- 5 = nose
- 6 = legs (need 6)

Support the children in beginning to recognise the amounts on the dice without having to count every time, for example, seeing the pattern of 5 dots is always the same on the dice.

### Understanding the world

With improving weather get out there and hunt for bugs! They will be hiding everywhere, in gardens, yards and parks. Look under rocks and logs, scatter the leaf litter and take a sneaky peek under leaves and in bushes.

Talk about what you find and ask the children questions about what they saw, for example...

*What does the creature look like?*

*What colour are they?*

*Do they have a pattern on their body?*

*How many legs do they have?*

### Expressive arts and design

Draw and paint the creatures that you find. Mix the paint colours to make the right shade for your bugs. Make the patterns you see on the mini-beasts you have found—paint large and small spotty ladybirds or stripy bees! Can you paint your own made up mini-beast?

Make up a mini-beast dance! Pick your favourite song and using your mini-beast moves enjoy a groovy time together.

## Splendid Super Savers

Thank you everybody for your continued support through donations of 50p to our school fund. We ensure that this money goes on the little extra's that help to make our Nursery that little bit more special.

