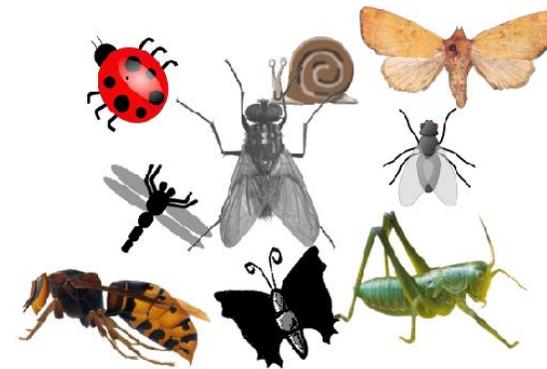


Information for Parents  
Summer Term 2017

Mars Class  
Mini-beast and Mini-world



Mrs Lewis

Dear parents,

Welcome back to the Summer Term. I hope this leaflet will provide a helpful overview of learning for the term.

Our topic for the Summer term will be 'Mini-beasts and mini-world'. We will be finding out all about creepy crawlies, insects that fly and the life cycles of butterflies and frogs. We will spend plenty of time outside going on mini-beast hunts and bringing them back the Bug Laboratory to take a closer look at them through magnifying glasses, in bug pots and using a microscope. The bugs will be set free afterwards and we will take care not to harm them. We will also spend time in our newly refurbished Pond and Wildlife Area where we will have the opportunity to do some pond dipping! We are also expecting some mini-beast to visit us!

During PSHE we will look at 'Me and a Healthy Lifestyle.' This involves children thinking how they can help others and in the environment around them. The areas of art, design technology and Computing will be taught in a cross-curricular manner. Later in the term, we will be looking at the work and life of Thomas Gainsborough.

Maths and English will follow the strategy for the foundation stage and will involve a mix of child and adult initiated activities. We are going to do lots of adding and subtracting of two single digit numbers and two 2-digit numbers and counting in twos, fives and tens. Please support your child by finding some real life contexts in which they can practise these skills e.g. numbers required for laying the table, numbers of birds spotted, telegraph posts etc.

In RE this term we will be looking at 'The Holy Trinity' and 'God Loves Us'. The Collect Worship Themes are *Truthfulness* and *Wisdom*. PE will take place on a Wednesday afternoon. Long hair will need to be tied back and earrings removed. PE will happen again later during the week, therefore your child will need their PE kit in school. It is best to take it home only

at half term and at the end of term to wash, as we may change the session due to bad weather. French is taught throughout the school and your child will have regular French sessions. These focus this term is in the classroom.

The children are really increasing confidence in their reading and your daily practice at home is so very beneficial to their rate of progress. The children will be bringing home 3 books on a Monday and return them to school the following Monday. A separate booklet will be sent home to inform you of the changes we are making to our reading support at home. We are excited about these changes and hope you will be too! Please sign and keep making your wonderfully encouraging comments. Please note that reading that takes place at school is recorded separately.

Please ensure that your child has a coat and suitable footwear everyday. For the adventures of 'Fresh Air Friday' we will be outside in all weathers, well nearly all, so Wellington boots will be an advantage. The school provides waterproof trousers, but we hope the weather will be a lot warmer now that it is the Summer term. Please send a named sunhat into school and apply sun cream on those sunnier days.

I am sure we will continue to have lots of fun in our learning in Mars Class this term. I thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and talk to me at the end of the school day.

Mrs Lewis