

Important Dates

Friday 23rd June- Trip to Wharton Park, Durham for The Very Hungry Caterpillar Workshop. (Reception & Nursery)
9am—3pm (Nursery)
9am-3.15pm (Reception)

Thursday 20th July AM—Minibeast Concert (Nursery)
Session times to follow

Friday 21st July— End of Year Picnic Party
ALL NURSERY children to attend
9.00-12.00noon there will be no PM Nursery.
Reception during normal school hours

More details will be given nearer time for the above events.

Friday 21st July break up for Summer holidays.

Return Tuesday 5th September.

Benfieldside Early Years Unit



What will the Early Years Children be learning about this half term?

Our Topic this Half Term is: "Living Things—Minibeasts"

Below is an overview of what we plan to cover with the Early Years Children this half term. All of our Early Years children (Nursery and Reception) will be developing skills through the same topic but the activities will be delivered at a level appropriate to their age and stage of development. We plan all of our activities around the seven areas of learning, but our children also initiate their own learning through free choice activities and we do try to follow the children's interests, therefore our planning is flexible and subject to change.

Personal, Social & Emotional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss how to care for animals/minibeasts • Discuss safety on holiday & Sun safety Awareness • Share and take turns • Develop confidence talking/singing to group of children • Exploring different feelings • Develop hygiene and self-help skills • Transition Activities
Communication, Language & Literacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read, Write Inc. and Letters and Sounds activities to promote communication, literacy and language skills. • Reception children will be developing letter formation, blending and segmenting sounds/words and begin to develop sentences. • Nursery will be investigating initial sounds and alliteration. • To recognise familiar signs such as own name & write own name. • Minibeast Rhymes and Poems • Use Non fiction books to find out facts about different minibeasts & know that information can be retrieved from books • Non Fiction Books about the season 'Summer' • Instructions (how to make a wormery) • Sequence story of The Hungry Caterpillar • Develop story telling and listening skills • Big Talk - about the season 'Summer'
Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counting Skills, Counting in 2's and 10's (Reception) • Symmetry with 2D & 3D shape and Patterns • Days of the Week & Time • Size & Measure & Capacity • Positional Language • Sorting • Estimation & comparing groups of objects— 1 more /1 less • Number Recognition & Counting

Understanding of the World	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make a Wormery and observe the worms movements • Investigate the life cycle of a Butterfly • Investigate Bees and Pollination • Investigate Spiders & the movement of water down waterspouts • Investigate the Season- Summer • Investigate the life cycle of a ladybird • Minibeast hunt to look at their habitats
(ICT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use ICT equipment (Ipads, Easi speak, metal detectors) • Digital Cameras • Sequence Butterfly Life Cycle (My World Programme) • Use Beebots and remote control bugs to explore position. • Knows that information can be retrieved from computers.
Physical Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apparatus in school hall & Obstacle Courses —climbing, balancing, jumping & moving in a range of ways. • Functional Development Skills (Coach) • Athletic Activities • Ball skills—throwing, catching, kicking • Sticky Kids Action CD 'Going for Gold' (Nursery) • Butterfly Dance (Nursery) • Writing name holding pencil correctly with good control • Forest School • Outdoor Play
Creative Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make Giant Minibeast pictures using collage materials • Make butterfly Cakes • Make Jelly with jelly worms in • Create Symmetrical Butterfly Pictures • Create Minibeast pictures using mark making skills • Junk Modelling • Make a Papier Mache Spider & Web • Create Minibeast Masks & costumes • Use Clay & playdough to make Minibeasts • Still life Drawings & Paintings of minibeasts
(Music/Drama)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Home corner will become a camping area and minibeast study area • Minibeast Songs • Learn minibeast songs for concert. (Nursery) • Musical Instruments • Acting out stories using masks and props e.g. Hungry Caterpillar