



# Nursery

# MANILA'S



## Useful Information



### Summer 1

#### Topic: Minibeasts



This half term our topic is Minibeasts. We will be:

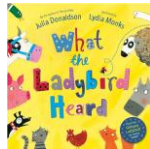
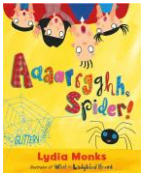
- Fostering children's understanding and appreciation of the natural world, particularly the diverse range of small creatures found in their environment.
- Develop a deeper understanding of nature, build observational skills, and foster curiosity.
- Learn to treat animals in the environment with care and sensitivity.

#### Literacy:



We will be reading

"Aaarghh! Spider!" By Lydia Monks and "What the Ladybird Heard" by Julia Donaldson



We will also be looking at non-fiction books about Life Cycles and Minibeasts.

#### Phonics:



In Nursery, we tuning in our ears to our friends and Teachers. The children's listening has allowed them to acquire a lot of language so far, through regular Poetry Basket and Nursery Rhymes.

We will continue to focus on:

- Aural discrimination practice
- Listening to environmental sounds
- Beginning to learn Letter sound discrimination & learning letter names.
- Talking about story line, words, sounds, playing with sounds.

#### Maths:



This half term we will be focusing on:

**One more and one less**

The children will use real objects to see that the quantity of a group can be changed by adding more.

The children will also be looking at shapes in their environment and the names of familiar 2D shapes.

At home you might like to encourage your child to see the link between counting forwards and the one more pattern and back and the one less pattern.

#### Physical Development (PD):

Our focus in PE this term is: **MOVEMENT**

Children will be able to:

Gross motor skills: Move their bodies in different ways to copy the different ways that animals move, such as crawling and slithering.

Focus on balancing on different parts of our bodies, such as one leg.

Fine motor skills: Use a range of small tools, including pencils, scissors, rulers and cutlery.

## Understanding the World (UW):



### Science:

This term we will be learning about different animals. Children will begin to recognise a variety of living things and be able to name some of them.

We will look at plants, how they grow from a seed and learn about how to keep them healthy. We will have a focus on looking after our natural environment, caring for plants and small creatures (even insects!)

## Other Areas of Learning



### Communication and Language:

Children will be able to;

- Offer explanations for why things might happen such as predictions of what might happen next in a book.
- Express their feelings about their experiences, using full sentences, including use of past, present and future tenses. For example, they will be encouraged to describe what they did at the weekend and what they plan to do the following weekend.

## Home Learning:



We encourage our parents to read to their child for at least 15 minutes every day.

We will give you a storybook to read to your child each week.

Please return this book to be changed on Fridays.

## Language of the Half Term:

Our language of the half term is Amharic

2.1% of families in our school community speak Amharic.

## Poem of the Half Term:

Our poem this half term is  
I have a little Frog, from poetry basket.



## Skills Builder:

This half term, we will be focusing on: **Aiming High** and **Staying Positive**.



## Key Dates:

- 22<sup>nd</sup> April - Start of Summer Term 1
- 24<sup>th</sup> April - Year 5 trip
- 25<sup>th</sup> April - April Birthday Bash
- 30<sup>th</sup> April - School Uniform Recycling
- 5<sup>th</sup> May - Bank Holiday Monday
- 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> May - KS2 SATS Week
- 16<sup>th</sup> May - Washington (Y3) Class Assembly
- 22<sup>nd</sup> May - School Uniform Recycling
- 23<sup>rd</sup> May - Ottawa (Reception) Class Assembly
- 23<sup>rd</sup> May - May Birthday Bash
- 23<sup>rd</sup> May - End of Term
- 2<sup>nd</sup> June - Back to school



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