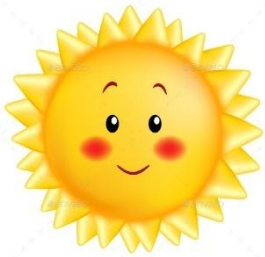


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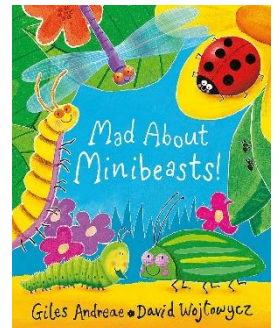


The children's smiles and enthusiasm and a splatter of sunshine have ensured a warm welcome back to school for the beginning of our Summer Term in Class R. We hope that you had a lovely Easter break and have had the opportunity to enjoy some of the people and activities that you appreciate as a family.

In EYFS, our topic is 'The Circle of Life' which will consider how things can be old and new; how things grow and how things change over time.

We climbed aboard our journey this week by launching into minibeasts, making homes for bugs and going on a bug hunt.

Next week, we will share a lovely rhyming book called 'Mad about Minibeasts' by Giles Andreae.



During the term, we will explore the book 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar', for some a familiar book, for some a brand-new story. We will use this book to explore the lifecycles of butterflies and moths, as well as enhance our vocabulary and story retelling skills.

We will also be working in our garden area and we will be busy planting vegetable and flower seeds; we will look after them and watch them grow and hopefully enjoy some of the fresh produce later on in the Summer term.

Our Number work will focus on adding and subtracting and looking at numbers beyond 20. Please continue to support your child at home by counting real objects and talking about numbers in everyday situations - for example numbers on registration plates, doors and in books. Lots of work on pattern, shapes and measuring will also be developed this term.



We will continue to focus on the three prime areas - Communication and Language, Physical Development and Personal, Social and Emotional Development - where we will encourage lots of collaboration and negotiation as well as building the children's ability to ask questions and have a two-way conversation where they build upon what someone has said to them.



Our creativity will be inspired by exploring the vibrant colours of different butterflies. We will use different techniques to create collages and stain glass window effects, as well as singing lots of different songs and nursery rhymes about minibests, plants and royalty!

An element of our planning will continue to be driven by your children's interests and reactions to the stories and the learning that they do. We will continue to plan and work within the seven areas of learning in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) with a focus on the PRIME AREAS - Communication and Language, Physical Development and Personal, Social and Emotional development - helping each individual child to develop, learn, grow and flourish from the point of where they are on their journey.



Muddy Monday

Our fully stocked Mud Kitchen may mean that wellies and puddle suits are used a little more often this term! Muddy Mondays will continue to focus on our local environment as the seasons change, as well as focus on teamwork and collaboration in our growing and planting area. Your child has been working hard to think about when they need to wear aprons, overalls, puddle suits, wellies, helmets and gloves to protect themselves and their clothes.

Reading

Thank you for your continued support with your child's reading development and encouraging their love of reading for life. It has such a huge impact on your child's progress when you support their journey at home; lots of practice really builds those early reading and language skills. Try to help your child to embed the tricky words.



PE days

PE lessons will to be on a **TUESDAY** and **WEDNESDAY**. Please send your child in their PE kit on these days - if chilly, please ensure they have something warm on, as your child will be accessing outside during learning time and at lunchtimes. Please make sure that all earrings have been removed on P.E days.

Snack time, sunhats and cream



Children are encouraged throughout the day to drink from their water bottle and keep hydrated. **Thank you for supporting us with our water only policy which promotes and supports oral hygiene.** Something to try if your child is reluctant to drink water is to store their bottle in the fridge overnight so that it is ice cold or pop some ice cubes or slices of fresh orange and lemon into it.

Cool Milk continues to provide our fresh milk and is free if your child is 4. Once your child is 5 and they would like to continue to have milk, then you will need to sign your child up to the milk scheme. This half term our fruit selection will include pears, carrots, apples, oranges, bananas and tomatoes. Please feel welcome to send your child with a fruit snack if they prefer a different fruit or vegetable. Just one snack per day is sufficient thank you. If you are sending grapes, please cut them in half.

As the weather warms up and the sun starts to become more permanent, please send your child with a named sunhat. Please apply any sun cream before school rather than sending your child with their own bottle. Thank you.

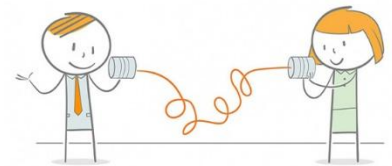
Communication

Talking and communicating continues to be extremely important and high priority in supporting your child's learning journey. Please continue to contact the school office for all personal correspondence, including illness, absence or a request for me to phone you:

Email: info@richardson.derbyshire.sch.uk

Telephone: 01332 880317.

You can of course also write us a message in your child's reading diary as we endeavour to read these daily.



Barney the bear will continue to visit your homes at the weekends and we look forward to looking at all the adventures he gets up to.

Homework - we will continue to send homework home on a Friday to be collected in the following Friday. Thank you for your ongoing support with this and we hope that you are enjoying learning at home with your child.

Thank you so much.

Mrs Chapman (Class teacher) Miss Evans (TA), Mrs Walters (TA) and Mrs Gregory (HLTA)