



Reception Newsletter



Friday 3rd May 2024

A huge thank you to everyone who has very kindly donated compost for our new planters, we are still in need of a little more if possible. We are hoping to start planting up next week and the forecast is looking pretty promising too.

What have we been up to?

Our learning this term is currently based around the topic of Minibeasts

We read the story of The Hungry Caterpillar and were delighted when we received a parcel through the post last week...our very own live caterpillars to take care of at school. We have been looking for minibeasts around our school and finding out about the different habitats they live in.



In maths we have been learning to count beyond 20. We played a cool game using spaghetti and Cheerios. We chose a number and added the correct amount of Cheerios – we had to use very careful fingers to stop the spaghetti from breaking. Why not try this at home?



We have also been learning about addition. We used a coat hanger, pegs and dice to build and write our own number sentences. Why not try this at home too?



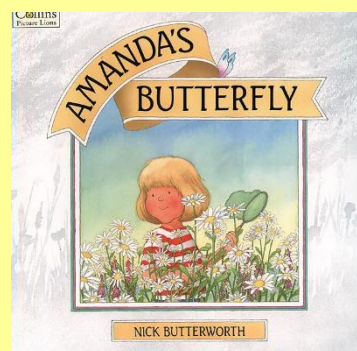
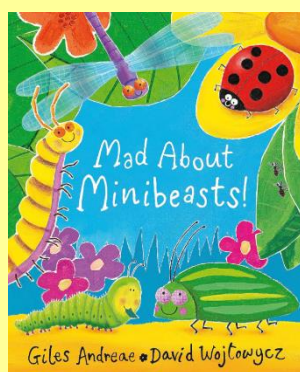
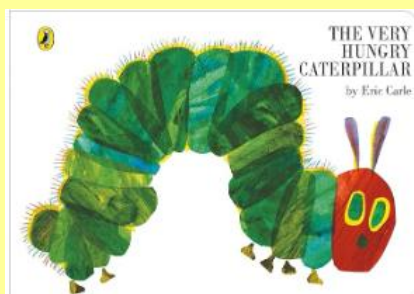
Phonics

We have continued to work on Phase 4 in phonics. Please continue to practise all phase 2 and 3 sounds also as the children need to have an automatic recall of all of these sounds before the end of Reception. Please remember, we are aiming for a recall of the sounds without picture clues.

We have attached a Phase 4 tricky words handout for reference on how to support the Phase 4 tricky words at home.

Recommended Books and Rhymes

(Some of the books and rhymes we have been enjoying this week)



Please click this link for all our nursery rhyme videos – the children absolutely love them!

[For parents | Letters and Sounds \(littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk\)](http://littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk)

What will we be learning next?

Next week we will be learning about marvellous worms. We will be looking for worms around our school grounds and making our very own class wormery. We will also be planting our flowers and plants in preparation for the release of our newly hatched butterflies – they will need a beautiful garden to live in after all!

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend everyone and we look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 7th May.