

# Foundation Stage Curriculum Outline

## 'Minibeast Mayhem!' Summer Term (1) 2021

### Communication & Language/Literacy (CLL)



As part of our 'Minibeast Mayhem!' topic, we will be reading classic stories about Minibeasts such as 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and using them to write our own insect-themed stories. In phonics, we will be focusing on writing simple sentences and captions using all of the letter sounds, digraphs, trigraphs and tricky words that we have learned. We will continue to work on accurate letter formation, thinking about the size of our writing. As we go through the term, we will begin to take part in guided reading sessions, focusing on our comprehension and prediction skills. We will also be exploring, and using, new vocabulary.

### Mathematics

In Mathematics we will revise our skills of addition and subtraction, recording our calculations in a variety of ways. We will begin to think about number bonds to 10 and spot patterns amongst numbers that can help with calculations. We will also investigate sharing a quantity of items fairly, as well as looking at doubles and halves, extending our number knowledge from 0 up to 20. There will be a focus on mathematical reasoning and being able to explain **how** we found an answer and **why** it is (or isn't!) correct.



### Understanding the World (UW)

As part of our topic, we will explore the life cycles of a selection of creatures. We will think about how these creatures change and will have the opportunity to watch caterpillars turn into butterflies in our classroom. We will spend time thinking about how we should care for all living creatures and our environment as well as exploring ways that we could improve the environment around us at school.

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED) - Jigsaw

This term our theme will be 'Relationships'. We will be focussing on the people around us at school and thinking about how we can be the best of friends to each other. There will be a chance to think about how to resolve conflicts if things do go wrong, as well as how to help ourselves if we are feeling hurt or upset. We will also think about how we can show respect to those round us, both adults and children.

### Physical Development and P.E

P.E will now happen twice a week, on a **Monday** afternoon. This half term, the children will be working on activities for Sports Day (fingers crossed!) that will also help us to develop our basic skills, balance and co-ordination! There will be a range of activities on offer each day to develop gross motor skills (e.g. digging in the sand) and fine motor skills (e.g. colouring & threading).



**It essential that your child comes to school in suitable OUTDOOR PE KIT every Monday. Please ensure that all items are named,**

### Religious Education (R.E.)

In R.E. we will think about 'Creation', with particular emphasis on the Creation Story and what it means to Christians. We will have the opportunity to attend some 'bubble' assemblies and begin to learn some songs and hymns that are important to our school. We will develop the use of our outdoor area to reflect our interest in the environment and show respect for all living creatures.



### Expressive Arts & Design (EAD)



There will be many opportunities for painting, drawing, model making and role-play throughout this term! We will be creating posters, collages, models and paintings. Our role play area will be a 'Minibeast Explorer's Lab' where we will be able to investigate existing species and maybe discover some new ones! There will also be opportunities for singing, dancing and storytelling.

*We will continue to send home reading books for you to share with your child. There may also be maths activities to have a go at throughout the term. Please continue to support your child by sharing their book and phonics sounds/words for 10 minutes each night. We are looking forward to another busy term in York Class!*

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