

Summer Term in Hoad

Dear Parents

Welcome back! I hope you all had a good Easter break.

This half term in Hoad our topic will be Mini beasts.

If anybody has any spare shoe boxes please could you bring them into school for the children to use in DT.

Literacy

In literacy, children will be exploring stories by the same author. We will start by exploring Eric Carle books The Very Hungry Caterpillar, The Bad Tempered Ladybird and The Very Busy Spider. We will look at what makes Eric Carle's book so unique and special. Children will be exposed to multiple books by Eric Carle in order to make comparisons, form opinions, and learn about the author's style. We will then move on to look at Anthony Brown's work again comparing and contrasting some of his books and learning about his writing style. Children will finish with looking at some Mini beast poetry and have a go at writing their own.

Maths

Children will begin by learning about mass, weight, capacity and volume. They will choose and use appropriate standard units to estimate and measure capacity, weight and temperature. They will use language such as heavy and light, full and empty to compare weight and capacity.

All children will continue to work on numbers and place value. They will practice counting, reading and writing numbers to 100 and beyond in both numerals and words. Children will be using their knowledge of number bonds to 10 to learn their number bonds to 20. They will be working on adding and subtracting numbers and solving one step problems that involve addition and subtraction, using concrete objects and pictorial representations, and missing number problems.

Science

Children will be exploring habitats linked to our Mini beast topic. We explore in detail a microhabitat and explore plants that are in various habitats and microhabitats. We will be describing how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals, using the idea of a simple food chain, and identify and name different sources of food by making a variety of food chains.

Art

Children will begin by exploring illustrations in the books by Eric Carle. Children will then use collage to create their own Mini beast pictures just like in the books.

DT

Children will use what they have learnt in science to create their own microhabitat scene in a shoebox.

Music

This half terms music focus will be to explore instruments and symbols.

History

Our history focus for this half term will be on Charles Darwin and his voyage to the Galapagos Islands. We will be exploring his life and his discovery of unique creatures during his time on the Galapagos Islands.

Computing

In computing children will be learning to use the internet and learning some basic web skills. Children will be exploring search engines and how to search for things using keywords. Children will also get the chance to explore their favourite places using Google maps.

PE

The children will continue with games and develop skills needed for team games; they will continue with throwing and catching, dribbling and kicking balls.

In dance, children will be learning a series of movements to do with various insects in the mini beast topic.

RE

This half term, we will be learning about special buildings for Christians and Jews. We will compare churches in our own town and in the wider world and think about how they are used by Christians.

We will explore a Jewish synagogue and look at how it is used by worshippers.

PHSE

We will think about the Christian value of Humility and what it means in different contexts.

We will also look at Children's Rights and how they are important around the world.