

EYFS SUMMER 2 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Find out all about our Summer 2 Topic – Marvellous Mini Beasts



Welcome back, we hope you had a lovely half term break! We are looking forward to an exciting final term with lots of learning opportunities linked to our topic 'Marvellous Mini Beasts'.
Term Dates: Monday 8th June to Friday 17th July.
Email Mrs Downey on: reception1@stveronicas.co.uk for any further information.

Don't forget: Please continue to work on letter and number formation with your child at home.
Please carry on reading with your child as much as possible and don't forget to sign the reading diary and complete one topic homework activity a week.
Please ensure your child brings a named summer hat and easy to apply sun cream.
PE this term will continue to take place on Friday, please remember to remove all jewellery and please can children wear socks rather than tights.
Moving up morning will be on Thursday 2nd July and Thursday 9th July, the reception class children will visit their new classroom and meet their new class teacher for September.
Reception's Big Birthday Party will be held on Friday 3rd July, more details to follow.

COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE

This half term the children will learn lots of new vocabulary linked to the topic. The children will be encouraged to use this vocabulary to describe their own mini beasts. The children will be encouraged to offer explanations for why things might happen, and make use of recently introduced vocabulary. The children will be recording processes and changes in nature through life cycles. The children will be encouraged to share their favourite memories from the school year, ask questions and respond to what others say. Children will be supported to speak in full sent. Please continue to send in your children's 'star moments' so that they can share their achievements outside of school with the class.

PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The school follows the Coram Life Education scheme. Our topic this half term is: Growing and Changing. The children will name the different seasons and describe their differences, explaining the changes that occur as seasons change. They will learn that animals and humans change in appearance over time. They will use vocabulary to describe the different life stages: baby, child, teenager, adult, older age and talk about their own experience of growing up. They will talk about how they have changed as they have grown. We will look at the differences between babies, children, and adults and understand that we are all unique. The children will learn that a baby is made by a woman and a man, and grows inside a mother's tummy. We will talk about different families, the similarities and differences between ourselves and others. We will name parts of the body using the correct vocabulary as well as talking about which parts of their body are kept private and safe and why they must tell or ask an appropriate adult for help if they feel unsafe.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

In P.E this half term, the children will focus on jumping, catching large balls and rolling in a variety of ways. They will also climb under, over and through different equipment linked to the theme of Mini Beasts. The children will continue to develop their fine motor skills including holding a pencil in a tripod grip, forming our letters correctly, developing cutting skills and drawing with accuracy.

RE

This half term in Reception, the children will be exploring the theme "Dialogue and Encounter." Through stories, discussions and shared activities, the children will learn about kindness, listening to others and building positive relationships. We will encourage the children to talk about their own experiences, respect different beliefs and ideas, and understand how we can care for and help one another in our school community and beyond.

LITERACY

The children will be exploring different texts such as 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and 'The Cautious Caterpillar'. They will be designing and describing their own made-up mini beasts as well as planning a menu for them. The children will continue to learn to form their lowercase and capital letters correctly. Children will use their phonic knowledge to read and write simple words, captions and sentences.

MATHS

The children will be introduced to the Rekenrek, which is a counting frame, they will use this to subitise different amounts of counting beads. They will also recap on their understanding of numbers to 10, including the composition of each number. Patterns within numbers to 10 will also be explored including odd and even numbers and doubling. The children will revisit how we compare different amounts and they will use the language of 'more than' and 'fewer than'. They will revisit number bonds to 5 and 10 and then explore counting beyond 20.

UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORLD

The children will keep up to date with current affairs by watching Newsround on Mondays. The children will explore the natural world by going on a mini-beast hunt around the playground and in forest school. The children will be learning about important processes and changes in nature through the life cycles of mini beasts. The children will be encouraged to explore and discuss the effect of changing seasons on the natural world around them.

EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND DESIGN

The school follows the Charanga scheme of work, the topic this half term is –Reflex, Rewind and Replay. The children will be listening to a variety of music and talking about it. They will sing and revisit nursery rhymes, action songs and will play instruments to accompany these songs. The children will be mixing paint to make new colours and exploring making colours lighter and darker. They will be exploring the work of Henri Matisse and recreating 'The Snail' 'The children will complete an end of year self-portrait, and they will look at changes that have occurred since starting school in September.