

**Monkton CEP School**  
**Bees, Class 1 Newsletter - T6**  
*'In God's eyes, everyone is special'*

**Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

- We be discussing our favourite things about being in Bee Class and what has made us happy and proud this year.
- We will also be making sure that we make the transition into Year 1 as smooth as possible for the children. We will have lots of discussions about next year and begin to introduce the children to routines they will come across next year.

**Sunshine and Sunflowers**

For our last term together, we are going to become outside explorers. We will be planting our own flowers and vegetables. We will be searching for minibeasts. We will learn about what plants need to grow and the life cycles of caterpillars and frogs.

**Shadows and Reflections**

This mini topic is going to be lots of fun. We will be making our own shadows and exploring reflections. We will also be making lots of noise when we explore echoes.

**Communication and Language**

- We will be learning lots of vocabulary related to minibeasts and the summertime.
- We will be giving the children lots of opportunities to discuss and 'show off' their work this term to their friends.

**Physical Development**

This term, we will continue to have our structured PE sessions with our PE coach. We will be practicing all the skills we will need for sports day. We will also be practicing at different times throughout the week so please can we make sure our children have their full PE kits in school every day.

**Literacy  
Phonics**

We will continue to follow our new phonics programme with the children this term (Little Wandle). The children will continue to learn new sounds and also revise previously taught sounds in preparation for Year 1.

**Writing**

The children will continue to write their sentences and will be encouraged to write as neatly as they can now. The children will be encouraged to be more independent as the final weeks progress.

**Reading**

We will continue to read at least one story a day and many of these will be focused around our topic. We will also carry on reading 1:1 with the children. Please read every day with your child. It really does have an effective on their progression. Plus, house points can be earned!

**Mathematics**

We will continue with our daily 'Maths Mash Up' sessions. Here we talk about days, months, weather and practice other maths skills. At the moment we are challenging ourselves to count up to 100 in these sessions as a class.

We will revise the skills we have learnt this year as well as explore some new topics such as capacity and time.

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**Why are some stories special? World Faiths**

Here the children will look at stories from the faiths around the world and who they are special to. The children will be taught why they special to certain people. We will discuss how people have different beliefs and the importance of respecting this.

## Other Specific Areas

### **Understanding the World**

We're going to be finding out lots of things this term, including:

- What do plants need to grow?
- What do insects need to grow?
- What is a life cycle?
- Where do insects live and why?
- Why do insects look the way they do?

### **Expressive Arts and Design**

We will be:

- Becoming insects
- Singing summer songs
- Creating summer paints
- Making our favourite insects

## Websites

- Games to aid Letters and Sounds, using the pure sound.
- <http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/phase-2.html>
- Counting forwards and backwards through song:  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/learning/schoolradio/subjects/mathematics/countingsongs>
- A variety of mathematic games:  
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=37>

## Diary Dates

Every Tuesday is PE in the afternoon so please ensure PE kits are in school - they should be in school every day and only go home at the end of term.

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June - Term 6 starts

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June- French Day

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June- Sports Day

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July- Transition Day

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July- Reports Home

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July- Open Afternoon

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July- Last Day of Term