

PHONICS

Nursery Phonics will continue in Summer 1 and focuses on developing children's listening and speaking skills, laying the foundation for reading and writing. In Summer we will start to learn the letter sounds and begin RWI. The children will enjoy learning all the rhymes that go with the initial sounds.

LITERACY – Talk Through Stories

Our Talk Through Stories scheme extends and deepens vocabulary. We focus on a different book every couple of weeks. Children are immersed in the structure of stories and the vocabulary included in them. We will focus on repetitive language and patterns in the stories that we read.

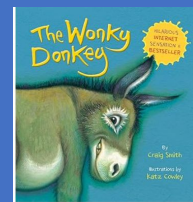
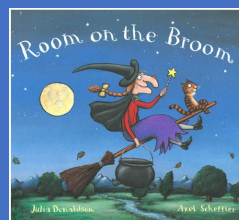
COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE

Children develop listening and attention through stories and discussions about minibeasts. They build understanding by following simple instructions and answering questions. Speaking skills grow as they describe insects, share ideas, and use new vocabulary (e.g., legs, wings, crawl), helping them express thoughts and engage in conversations with others confidently.

PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Children develop confidence exploring minibeasts and trying new activities. They learn to take turns, share resources, and play cooperatively. Through group work, they build relationships, express feelings, and begin to understand rules and boundaries, supporting self-regulation, independence, and a positive sense of self within the learning environment.

These are the books we will be reading as part of our Talk Through Stories scheme...



Nursery

St. Matthew's 
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Curriculum Overview

Summer 2 Minibeasts

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

Children develop fine motor skills through activities like picking up small minibeasts and using tools. They build gross motor skills by moving in different ways (crawling, wriggling). Coordination, control, and awareness improve as they explore safely, supporting strength, balance, and overall physical confidence in active play.

MATHS

In maths this half term we will continue to work on recognising the numbers 1,2,3,4 and 5. Each week we will focus on a different number. On Mondays we will have a maths focus for this half term these will be focussed on subitising and the children will be introduced to the numbers to 5. We will sing lots of counting songs and rhymes.

UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

Children explore the natural world by observing minibeasts in their habitats. They learn to notice similarities, differences, and changes. Through hands-on experiences, they ask questions and show curiosity about living things, developing early scientific understanding and respect for the environment and all creatures.

EXPRESSIVE ART AND DESIGN

Children use a range of materials to create minibeast art, exploring colour, texture, and shape. They engage in imaginative play, pretending to be insects and creating stories. Through music, movement, and creative activities, they express ideas and feelings, developing creativity and confidence in sharing their own creations.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

In nursery in this theme the children will learn about different festivals across all religions. This term we will look at stories from the bible and discuss these.