



23rd April 2018

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the last term your child will spend in the Nursery Class! After just two terms your child has grown up to become more confident and has progressed in many areas. They are also able to cope with a variety of routines and transitions which will give them a great start as the move onto Reception.

Please find attached the topic grids for this term, highlighting what will be covered in our class. Many thanks to all the parents who returned their interest sheet on our current topic 'Bugs and Slugs'. Your suggestions are always highly valued and incorporated into our planning, so that your children will continue to grow and be inspired by the learning opportunities that we provide.

The last term is always a busy, but enjoyable time for us. During the second half of the term the Nursery children will be carrying out an assembly for the whole school which, you are also invited to attend. We hope to see as many parents and grandparents as possible celebrating the children's learning on **Wednesday 11th July at 9am**. In addition, we will also be having our 'Nursery Graduation' on **Tuesday 17th July at 11.15am**. You are warmly welcomed to join us in singing some of the children's favourite songs as they come to the end of their very special first Year at Shobnall Primary School.

Another date for your diary is **Thursday 24th May** when the Nursery and Reception classes are having an Ugly Bug Ball. We will be organising lots of different 'minibeast' themed activities and having watched the class caterpillars grow and change, will hopefully get to release the butterflies.

If you have any questions, queries or worries, please come in and see us either informally or by making an appointment that is convenient to all- we are always here to help.

Yours sincerely,

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Skills we will be learning....

Making Relationships

Show sensitivity to others' needs and feelings, and form positive relationships with adults and other children.

Children play group games with rules.

Self confidence and self awareness

Say when they do or don't need help.

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Managing feelings and behaviour

Know some ways to manage their feelings and begin to use these to maintain control.

Mathematics

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Expressive Arts and Design

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Safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture and form and function.

Develop own ideas through selecting and using materials that interest them.

Being imaginative

Use what they have learnt about media and materials in original ways, thinking about uses and purposes.

Talk about features of their own and others work, recognising the differences between them and the strengths of others.

Overview

Below are the skills we will be focussing on within our seven areas of learning this half term. Although we follow a topic our planning highlights children's individual targets and interests.

CURRICULUM DRIVERS:

DIVERSITY: Different countries attitudes towards minibeasts

DREAMS: Write a letter to Steve Blackshaw & David Attenborough

SPIRITUAL & MORAL: Kindness to minibeasts

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Bugs & Slugs

Summer 1

EYFS



LAUNCH DAY:

Minibeast hunt at Forest School.

Communication and Language

Speaking, listening and understanding underpin everything we do and is embedded throughout the day and within each activity.

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After listening to stories children will express views about events or characters in the story and answer questions about why things happened.

Speaking

To recount experiences and imagine possibilities, often connecting ideas.

Use a range of vocabulary in imaginative ways to add information, express ideas or to explain or justify actions or events.

Literacy

This half term the focus will be on looking at story settings and characters. In daily phonics sessions children will continue to apply Phases 2 and 3 of the Letters and Sounds programme to both reading and writing.

Skills we will be learning....

Reading

Use phonic knowledge to decode regular words and read some common irregular words.

Demonstrate an understanding when talking with others about what they have read.

Read phonetically regular words of more than one syllable as well as many irregular but high frequency words.

Writing

Use phonic knowledge to write words in ways which match their spoken sounds.

Write some irregular common words.

Write simple sentences which can be read by themselves and others. Some words are spelt correctly and others are phonetically plausible.

Use key features of narrative in their own writing.

Class books

'The Very Busy Spider', 'The Bad-Tempered Ladybird', 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar', 'Jacob O'Reilly Wants a Pet', 'Aaaaargghh, Spider!', 'What the Ladybird Heard'

WOW Experience and events to remember

Ugly Bug Ball

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DIVERSITY: Cultural foods

DREAMS: Visits from a chef & a gardener

SPIRITUAL & MORAL:

Collection of food for the local food bank

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Food, Glorious Food!

Summer 2

EYFS



LAUNCH DAY:

Shobnall Bake Off!

Physical Development

During this half term children will continue to use the balance bikes and will experience using a range of gardening tools during planting activities.

Skills we will be learning....

Moving and Handling

Show good control and co-ordination in large and small movements.

Move confidently in a range of ways, safely negotiating space.

Handle equipment and tools effectively, including pencils for writing.

Write on lines and control letter size.

Health and Self-care

Know about and can make healthy choices in relation to healthy eating and exercise.

Dress and undress independently, successfully managing fastening buttons.

Understanding the World

This half term the children will be observing plants and will take part in growing activities. Children will record what they do through using ICT.

Skills we will be learning....

People and Communities

Know that other children have different likes and dislikes and that they may be good at different things.

The World

Know about similarities and differences in relation to living things.

Make observations of plants and explain why some things occur, and talk about changes.

Technology

Recognise that a range of technology is used in places such as homes and schools.

Select and use technology for different purposes.

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Forest School