



## Year R Summer 2 Minibeasts and Pets



Dear Parents

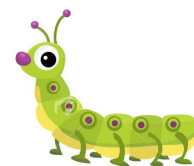
This Term in Year R we will be learning all about minibeasts and pets . We have some exciting events coming up this term, including our school trip to the Canal Centre and a special pets week.

How can you help at home with this topic?

- Find books related to the topic. Do you have any stories about minibeasts or pets?
- Do you have any unusual pets you would like to come into school? Please see your child's class teacher to arrange this.
- Have a look in your garden for different creatures- What can you find?
- Don't forget to upload your learning at home on Tapestry!

Fingers crossed for hot weather ! If it does get nicer- please remember your child needs a named sun hat and a water bottle in school every day. If you want them to wear sun tan lotion, please apply this before school. Many thanks for your support in this.

Miss Park Foundation Stage Leader



### Important Dates:

21/6 Year R School Trip  
to the Canal Centre

9/6 Orange Class  
Assembly



Here are just some of the things we will be focussing on this term within the 7 areas of

learning.

### Communication & Language and Literacy

We will continue to work on phases 3 & 4 phonics and begin to work in phase 5. We will focus on consolidating children's knowledge of the 42 phonemes we have learnt. We will still be working on word building, making CVC words (Consonant, vowel consonant words such as pig, mat, tin etc.) CCVC words/CVCC words such as black and tent, reading writing and spelling our keywords and writing sentences. We will be using our knowledge of sounds to work out possible spellings for unfamiliar words and talking about different ways words could be spelt such as hair/ hare etc. Our weekly themes will be linked to all sorts of different creatures from frogs to butterflies to pets.



We will continue to focus on reading and comprehension with regular guided reading and individual reading. We will be looking at the features of fiction and non-fiction texts.

### Mathematics

We will continue to reinforce basic concepts such as addition and subtraction, halving, doubling and sharing as well as moving on to concepts such as odd and even numbers. The children will be weighing and measuring in their play activities. They will also be looking at various patterns in shapes and numbers and they will find ways to continue the pattern.



### Understanding the World

We will be focusing on the natural world and living things. Children will be studying the life cycle of frogs and other animals, including butterflies. They will be thinking about the animals we keep as pets and we will be looking after them in our own Vet's Surgery Look out for letters coming home requesting 'sick' animals! (Not real ones of course!) As part of our RE work we will be focussing on the story of Noah's Ark and the animals collected. We will also be thinking about special symbols for different faiths such as the cross and the Torah and we will think about items that are special to us.

### Expressive Art and Development

Our creative work will be linked to our animal theme. We will look at various printing and other art techniques and we will use these to create our own animal prints and pictures. We will be looking at symmetry using butterflies as our inspiration.

### Physical Development

Our dance is themed around Handa's Surprise- an African story in which animals steal lots of fruit. We will be using African music to inspire us to create our own dances. We will also be getting ready for Sports Day by exploring team games.

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be thinking about 'being involved' and will be spending lots of time finding out about what it might be like in Year 1. We will also think about ways that we can be helpful to others in and out of school.

