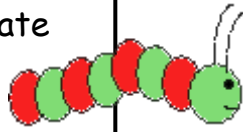


Our topic this term is Minibeasts. This is an interdisciplinary topic and will incorporate activities from a number of curricular areas. The children will share in the planning of this topic. We will be buddying with the morning nursery children and will be visiting the nursery garden to explore and investigate the great outdoors! We will need waterproof jackets, wellies or outdoor trainers suitable for the Scottish weather on alternate Tuesday mornings! Dates to follow.



### Expressive arts.

During our minibeast context we will be making lots of different creatures with plasticine, clay, card, paint, paper plates, leaves, twigs, string and anything else we can find! We will be looking closely and making patterns and colourful displays.

We are taking part in minibeast drama activities with Mrs Dyson and Miss Ballantine will be teaching us lots of fun minibeast topic songs.



In gym we are carrying out lots of team building, co-operative listening games and outdoor activities while the weather is still fine.

We will be spending lots of time listening, talking and taking turns. We will be listening to lots of stories and finding out about being fair and honest in our programme "Say what you think".



This ties in with making up our own rules for a safe and happy classroom. We are looking forward to the story of "James and the Giant Peach" by Roald Dahl and fun follow up activities.

In ICT we are remembering how to log on with our passwords and use the Smartboard to help our learning. We will be bringing some website games home for homework to share with you.



In RME we will be listening to some stories and finding out more about "Gifts and giving". We will discuss harvest time and plan and make prayers to say thank you for all the special things that nature gives to us. We will be talking about different people having different beliefs and the need to treat their views and opinions with respect.



## Our Learning tree



In our writing we will be practising asking and telling sentences, using capital letters, finger spaces, full stops and question marks properly. We are revising our letter formation and remembering to make letters with flicks. It is really important to hold our pencils properly. Ask your child about "froggy legs!" Please help with this at home. We are also remembering how to write capital letters properly and using them at the start of our first and second names.

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Maths will include revision of numbers and how to form these properly. We will be counting, sequencing and finding out about the numbers before and the numbers after. Practising mental calculations would be very useful, maybe by throwing dice and adding totals within 10. We also find out about simple symmetry by folding and painting. We will be collecting, sorting and handling information, completing tables in frequency charts and making pictograms in our topic work.