

Literacy

James and the Giant Peach is our text for this theme. We will be exploring character and setting through drama and role play and will use the story to inspire our writing. We will have a go at writing in role, writing newspaper reports and continue to improve our story writing. We will be looking at some different types of poetry and have a go at writing our own 'insect rhymes'.

We will continue with daily phonics, guided reading and SPaG sessions.

Expressive Art and Design

We will have the opportunity to use different materials in the design and construction of insect models and bug habitats. Building on work we have done over the year, they will start to evaluate and adapt their work to make improvements.

We will be listening to and composing our own pieces of music to reflect a wildlife garden.

Physical Education

Children will take part in Athletics and Games activities during the Summer Term.

PSED and Religious Education

We will be learning about the role of animals in different faiths and comparing and contrasting some of the similarities and differences.

We will study animal rights and consider our own feelings about animals and their roles in our lives.

We will use Philosophy and R Time to reflect on what matters to us.

a bug's life

Understanding the World

We will be exploring living things and their habitats during this theme, particularly those living in and around the school environment. We will be making predictions, using what we learn and will use scientific equipment to make observations and recordings. The children will look at how minibeasts have adapted to their environment, including the use of camouflage.

The children will be exploring maps and plans of the area, using keys and symbols to locate key features. They will have a chance to make their own map, inspired by James and the Giant Peach.

Mathematics and Computing

The children will be using minibeasts as the inspiration for lots of their maths work. This term we will be revising lots of the concepts we have learnt so far to ensure that they are embedded in the children's understanding. They will continue to practice number skills every day, particularly written methods for the four operations.

We will look at 2D and 3D shape by making the Aunt's house. We will use money in our garden centre to buy and sell insect equipment. We will be using positional and directional language to ensure James can travel safely through the garden away from his Aunts.

The children will be using the internet to research insects and their habitats and will create their own powerpoint presentation at the end of term using what they have learnt.