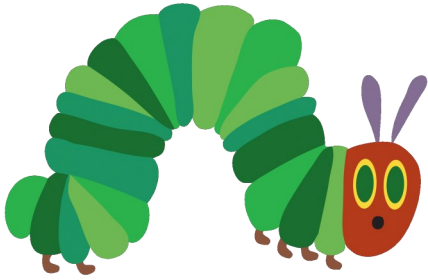


## Welcome to term 5



Welcome back after the well deserved Easter break. We hoped that you enjoyed your two weeks off and are now refreshed and ready for the start of the Summer term. We can't believe how quickly the year is going and we still have lots of learning to do. This term we will be looking at the expressed interest of creepy crawlies and have started the term by looking at caterpillars.

### Themes

This term we will be learning all about Creepy crawlies - Mini Beasts.

**Phonics:** In Phonics we are focusing on Phase 4 of Letters and Sounds. We will be learning new tricky words to read and learning to spell previously learnt tricky words. Phase 4 also introduces syllables (beats or parts of a word) and polysyllabic words (words with more than 1 syllable). Please help support your child in phonics with regular reading at home and supporting the writing of full sentences and extending writing opportunities

**Maths:** In Maths we will use our topic Mini World to engage the children with their learning. Some activities that we have planned are: ☑ Counting and ordering bugs (and their legs!) ☑ Making bug soup – sharing out the bugs to make soup ☑ Bug hunt tally charts and pictograms ☑ Doubling and halving using butterfly wings ☑ Learn and sequence days of the week – alongside The Very Hungry Caterpillar ☑ Make 3D shape bug models

**Literacy:** The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle will be used to launch our new topic. We will use this text to learn more about healthy eating . But the main focus will be on mini-beasts. We will also investigate non-fiction fact books to learn about life-cycles .



As the weather starts to pick up and the sun is stronger it is really important that we enjoy the sunshine in a safe manner. Please send in a sun hat for your child (which must be labelled with their name). We also ask that you either apply once a day sun cream before school, or send in sun cream for your child to apply throughout the day. If you do send in sun cream, please ensure that it is clearly labelled with your child's name. As it gets hotter, we will begin to play more with water. We use water play for lots of educational reasons, such as maths, talking and listening, and because it is fun! But, sometimes we get wet. Because of this, each child needs to have a named change of clothes on their peg.

PE: As the sunshine is starting to show, we are going to start doing some PE sessions outside. Please ensure that your child has their P.E kit. Kangaroo class has their P.E day on Friday.

### Dates for the Diary:

Monday 7th May Bank Holiday: School Closed

Fabulous Finish: Thursday 24th May 2:30 -3pm

Sports day : Monday 16th July 2018

Parents evening/day : Wednesday 18th July

School Trip– 13th July 2018.



### Farm trip

We have arranged a trip to Wingham WildLife Park. Date for the trip will be Friday 13th July . In the past the trip has been a great success and the children love to meet the animals and enjoy the play equipment. All details of this trip will be with you soon. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask,

Thank you.



Kind Regards, The Foundation Team, Mrs Maskell, Miss Daniel, Miss Holdaway and Mrs Smith.