

FOUNDATION 1

(NURSERY)



NEWSLETTER

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What's New...



WELCOME BACK, AND SUMMER TERM IS HERE! WE ARE REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO AN EXCITING TERM AHEAD.

This term our learning will be based around Minibeasts and Under the Sea. We will be working on all areas of the children's development through learning through stories and talk, as well as developing their early writing skills. Here's a snapshot of what your child will be exploring across the different areas of learning:

Communication and Language

Children will build their vocabulary by learning the names of minibeasts and sea creatures, and develop their listening and speaking skills through stories, discussions, and describing what they observe.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Children will learn to work together, share resources, and build confidence as they explore new topics, while also developing an understanding of caring for living creatures and the environment.

Physical Development

Children will strengthen their fine motor skills through activities like drawing, cutting, and creating models, and develop their gross motor skills through movement games inspired by how minibeasts crawl and sea animals swim.

Literacy

Children will engage with a range of stories and non-fiction texts about minibeasts and the ocean, supporting early reading skills, and will practice mark-making and writing through themed activities.

Mathematics

Children will develop counting, sorting, and pattern-making skills by exploring Minibeasts and sea creatures, as well as comparing sizes, shapes, and quantities.

Understanding the World

Children will explore habitats, life cycles, and the natural world, learning about where Minibeasts live and what exists under the sea through observation and investigation.

Expressive Arts and Design

Children will use a variety of materials to create artwork inspired by minibeasts and the ocean, and will explore music, movement, and imaginative play linked to the theme.

We encourage you to support learning at home by sharing stories together or talking about Minibeasts you might see in your garden. This half term the Butterflies are growing caterpillars in the classroom that will turn into butterflies.

Please remember that there is a Parent Reading Session for the children on 6th May. Thank you for your continued support - we are excited to see the children's learning grow this summer!

Friendly Reminders

Water

Please ensure your child comes to school with a named water bottle every day. They will have access to this throughout their session.

Tapestry

We hope that you will enjoy using Tapestry as much as we do! It is a great way of keeping up to date with what your child is doing each week and enables you to share experiences from home. Please upload some photos so we can share home experiences as a class.

Getting F2 ready...

As we are now in the summer term, the children will now be focusing on getting ready to move up to Foundation 2. Please ensure they are wearing the correct school uniform everyday, that all toys and personal items are left at home and the children have a named bag in school with them to begin to learn some more personal responsibility for their things.

The children have really come on leaps and bounds this year, so ensuring these extra things are in place means that we can support the children to have a positive transition.

We are so excited for this term with the children! Please do not hesitate to get in contact if you have any questions - communication is very important to us, especially in EYFS - no question is a silly question!

The Foundation 1 Team.

