

# Foundation Stage: Summer 1– Mini-Beasts and Growing

Dear parents,

Below are some of the things your child should be able to do at the end of this half term.

**English:** The children will be reading lots of exciting books this half term such as; Dear Zoo, The Tiny seed and The Very Hungry Caterpillar. These books will lead on to independent writing activities that will enable the children to explore different writing styles (e.g a letter and a recount). When writing at home encourage your child to think of a sentence, say the sentence and write the sentence. The children should be writing independently using their phonic sounds to spell words. They can write for a range of purposes including a shopping list, a sentence about their weekend or an event. The children will be looking at a range a range of fiction and non-fiction texts. Discuss the features of a fiction and non-fiction book when reading books at home.

Please continue to read stories on Bug club and complete the phonic tasks.

**Maths:** In maths the children will be learning about time, weight, doubling and halving. The children will gain an understanding of the days of the week and their daily routine, thinking about activities they do in the morning, afternoon and evening.

The children will learn how to double and halve an amount during practical activities such as sharing sweets or toys equally between two groups.

The children will also be learning about symmetry and how we can make a pattern symmetrical. The butterfly's wings will be the perfect example of symmetry and the children will have the opportunity to make first hand observations of this.

Through practical activities continue to encourage your child to count accurately and practise addition and subtraction.

**Understanding the World:** The children will be planting seeds and vegetables and watching them grow, commenting on the changes they have observed. Have a go at planting a seed at home and share any changes or observations from the children with us on the Evidence Me app . They will also be exploring Mini-Beasts this half term, the children will have the opportunity to observe insects and bugs in their outside school environment. They will be thinking about how these different animals survive and what types of habitat they build to help them to survive. The children will also observe the life cycle of the butterfly and they will be able to experience most of the life cycle first hand, as we will be keeping butterflies in our classrooms.

**Topic:**

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**Weblinks:**

[www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk)

[www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk)

[www.letters-and-sounds.com](http://www.letters-and-sounds.com)

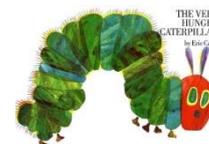
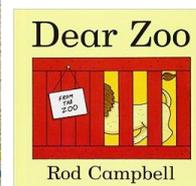
<https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login?e=-1&c=0>

**Books we will be looking at;**

'Dear Zoo' by Rod Campbell

'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle

'The Tiny Seed' by Eric Carle



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