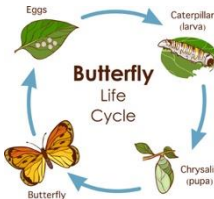


Spring Term 2024 Reception	Learning dispositions Spring 1 - Self-Managers Spring 2 - Communicators	Our school values are: Kindness, respect, responsibility, honesty, gratitude
English: This term we will continue to learn our Phase 2 digraphs and trigraphs in phonics as well as ‘Set 2 Red Words’. Children will take part in daily phonics lessons which will support both their reading and writing. English lessons will focus on writing: - Labels - Lists - Cards - Trickier words with some diagraph sounds - Red words Children will be taught to use their ‘Fred fingers’ to identify the sounds in a word. They will then use their sound understanding to phonetically spell the word. We will be reading a big variety of factual and fictional books.		Maths: This term, we are learning about: • Comparing mass • Comparing capacity • Making pairs • Representing 6, 7 & 8 • Combining 2 groups • Length & height • Patterns • continue to develop their subitising skills for numbers within and beyond 5, and increasingly connect quantities to numerals • begin to identify missing parts for numbers within 5 • explore the structure of the numbers 6 and 7 as ‘5 and a bit’ and connect this to finger patterns and the Hungarian number frame
Lifecycles Hopefully, our very own chicks will help teach us all about life cycles. We hope to have chicks hatch in our classrooms. This will allow us to watch the beginning of their lifecycle, live from our classroom’s incubator! We will be learning what chicks need to grow, the different stages of their life cycle and how they change into chickens. We will also learn about the different stages of a caterpillar’s lifecycle and the lifecycle of a frog too! We will look at the plant lifecycles of beans and sunflowers, as well as have a go at growing our own cress.		Rainforests / Under the Sea We will be thinking about what life is like in different environments such as in the rainforest and under the sea. We will be finding out about some weird and wonderful creatures and their habitats and we will be learning about different ways to find information such as using fact books and safely using the internet.

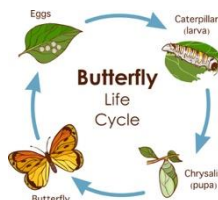
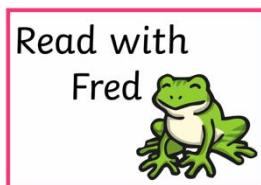
Read with Fred











How to help your child at home? (suggested activities and questions)

English:

Reading:

- To begin reading simple sentences
- To engage with and read the phonics books that are sent home each week.
- Begin to distinguish independently the difference between fiction and non-fiction.

Writing:

- Write shopping lists/label pictures using the Fred Fingers to sound out the words
- Begin to build on writing short sentences
- Begin to use diagraph (special friends) sounds when writing words
- Have a go at writing some red words

Maths:

Measuring

- Matching/pairing socks
- Measuring how tall the people in your family are. Can you order them from tallest to shortest?
- Drawing around hands on paper in different colours. Who has the biggest hand?
- Make weighing scales using a coat hanger and cups. Can you weigh your toys?
- Helping to sort the dishes/washing by colour or size.
- Building bigger numbers using blocks or construction materials at home
- Make 2 and three step repeating patterns with things you find at home such as cereal, shoes and toys.



Lifecycles

- Use playdough to recreate a lifecycle for a butterfly/frog. Can you remember the special names for the different stages?
- Have a go at growing something at home. Watch the lifecycle happen and make sure to remember all the things that a plant needs to stay alive! If it is a vegetable that you have grown, try it when it has finished growing!



Under the sea/ The Rainforest

- Draw or paint picture of the rainforest- can you label the different layers?
- You could visit the zoo or aquarium. What rainforest animals or aquatic animals can you remember the names of?
- Recall why it is important to stop ocean pollution. Can you use some junk modelling recycling materials to make your own sea creature?
- Have a go at making your own beach in a bottle using a plastic bottle, sand, water and some play sea creatures.
- Explore reading rainforest/sea non-fiction books

