



Maple Class Newsletter Term 5

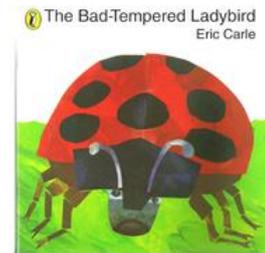
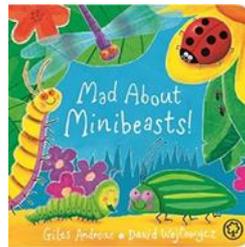
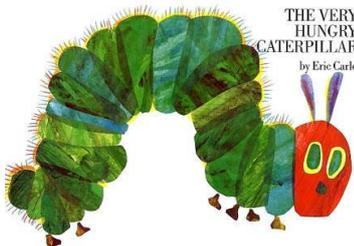
'It's a Bug's Life!'



Dear Parents,

Welcome back, we hope you had a great Half Term. Our topic for Term 5 is 'It's a Bug's Life!' Our learning journey will begin with a special delivery of some tiny creatures for us to care for! We will be able to watch them grow and change.

Our key texts this term are:



Areas of Learning

Literacy: Our focus in literacy this term is using our phonic knowledge to write stories using narrative language, adjectives, nouns and verbs. In reading, our phonics knowledge, high frequency and tricky words will develop further; we will be talking about the events in the books we read and predicting what will happen next.

Maths: In maths, we are going to secure our knowledge of addition and subtraction with the support of objects. We will be using insects to help us learn more about doubles and halves. We are going to be exploring 3D shapes through junk modelling and linking this to our music sessions. In addition to this, we will be beginning to estimate and count in 2s, 5s and 10s. Alongside this, we will be exploring shapes and measures around the school.

Understanding the World

The children will also be making lots of observations and predictions about mini beasts. We will be taking a trip to the Briar's Field Centre on **WEDNESDAY 1st MAY** to look at natural habitats of different mini beasts, pond dipping and visiting POOH BRIDGE.

Home Learning

We would like to thank you all for your effort with last terms home learning tasks including reading with your children.

Reading	Please read with your child regularly , even if it is a home or library book. At this stage, it is really helpful to discuss the stories that you read and use story language such as, character, setting, beginning, middle and end. <u>The more experiences that children have of sharing books at home, the quicker they progress in all areas of the curriculum as it develops their creativity, vocabulary and imagination, as well as furthering their reading and writing skills.</u>
Letters and Sounds	Please read your child's homework letter every week, which will contain the weekly phonics and tricky words we have covered in class. Please can they practice writing these in sentences and finding them in their reading and story books at home.

Home Challenges!

Please choose one or more of the following activities to enjoy at home and bring in before the end of term; these can be recorded in your home learning book:

- Make a mini beast out of junk modelling and share with your class.
- Take a camera around your garden or the park and take photos of any mini beasts you can find.
- Write a list of mini beasts that you find in your garden.
- Paint or draw a picture of an imaginary mini beast!

Websites and Links

- www.ictgames.co.uk and www.topmarks.co.uk for literacy and maths games.
- www.phonicsplay.co.uk Phase 3, 4 and 5 games, blending sounds and words.
- www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies for literacy and math's activities and games
- If you wish to make learning games to have fun at home, you can print from www.twinkl.co.uk and browse the EYFS Reception section.



Quick Reminders

- Please can you make sure your child brings in a water bottle, hat and their book bag each day.
- If you would like your child to wear sun cream, they need to be able to apply it themselves and bring in a named individual bottle.
- Our PE days are Monday and Friday but PE kits should be in all week.

We hope you all have a lovely term supporting the children in their learning. Please do not hesitate to come and speak to us if necessary.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Sanders and Miss Bews.



Challenge!

To help your child win 5 extra house points, find out the names of these creatures and bring them into your teacher!





'It's a Bug's Life' Learning Map

What are we learning this term?

<p>Literacy</p> 	<p>Letters & Sounds</p> <p>Tricky words, Adjectives, Nouns, Conjunctions</p>	<p>Writing stories</p> 	<p>Stories</p> 
<p>Maths</p> 	<p>Patterns and symmetry</p> 	<p>Time</p> 	<p>Doubles and Halves </p> <p>Teen numbers 11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19</p>
<p>Physical Development</p>	<p>Healthy Living</p> 	<p>Maypole dancing </p>	
<p>Personal and Social Development</p>	<p>Group Games and rules </p>	<p>Looking after myself </p>	
<p>Expressive Art & Design</p> 	<p>Paint mixing Book making Exploring instruments</p>   		
<p>Understanding the world</p> 	<p>Seeds and growing</p> 	<p>Animals and life cycles</p> 	
<p>Communication & Language</p> 	<p>Talking about our caterpillars and planting seeds instructions</p> 	<p>Story talk 'Jack and the Beanstalk' fruit tasting</p> 	