



# Curriculum Newsletter



**Mrs Thompson-Yates & Mrs Yarranton  
RTY**

**Reception  
Summer 2 2023**

**Mrs Mercer  
RM**

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will share news and encourage children to negotiate in their play and learning. We will use the zones of regulation to talk about emotions and help children to manage big feelings. We will visit Year 1 and meet our new teachers in readiness for September.

## Books we will be reading

[The Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle](#)  
[Superworm by Julia Donaldson](#)  
[Aaaarrgghh Spider! By Lydia Monks](#)  
[The Hare and the Tortoise \(Aesop's Fables\)](#)  
[Harry and His Bucketful of Dinosaurs by Ian Whybrow](#)  
[Old Bear by Jane Hissey](#)

## Mathematics

We will learn about patterns and problem solving. We will recap number bonds to 5,  $1+4=5$ ,  $2+3=5$  etc. We will practise counting and recognising numbers beyond 10. We will use coins to role play in the Toy Shop.

## Physical Development

We will practise for Sports Day, working together to throw, catch, kick, jump, balance and run. We will work together to participate in group games. Through handwriting lessons, we will practise correct orientation and starting position for letters and sitting letters on the line.

## Our Topics:

Week 1-3 Minibeasts  
Week 4 Sports  
Week 5-7 Toys

## Communication and Language

We will read stories about our topics and build new vocabulary using syllable games and word aware activities. We will continue to use listening and attention skills when working as a whole class or in small groups.

## Understanding the World

We will look at life cycles of minibeasts and hunt for minibeasts in the forest and field around school. We will find out about minibeasts and categorise them, eg legs/no legs, wings/no wings. Through our toy topic, we will explore the past and compare toys that our parents and grandparents played with.

## Expressive Arts and Design

We will look at symmetry with ladybird and butterfly art. We will use clay to model our own minibeasts, designing, making and decorating. We will design and create minibeast habitats and think about materials. For our toy topic, we will create new toys for the future.

## Literacy

We will write facts about minibeasts: what they eat; where they live and what they look like. We will retell the story of the Hungry Caterpillar. We will write simple sentences, remembering to use capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. We will also develop our use of digraphs, trigraphs and tricky words.



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## Home Learning

### Toys!

**Talk to parents, grandparents and great-grandparents about toys they remember.**

Please share photos or memories on Tapestry for us to discuss at school.



### Fun Phonics!

Phonics games to play at home (select Phase 2, 3 and 4 sounds):

[Pick a Picture](#)

[Balloon Phonics](#)

[CVC Bingo](#)

[Phonics Pop](#) - select the letter sounds you need to practise.

### Magic Maths!

[Robot Addition](#)  
[Understanding Numbers](#)

[White Rose Home Learning](#) On the Move

Please share your home learning and as well as new experiences on **Tapestry** so your child can share this at school with their teachers and friends.

## Reminders

### Key Dates

Church Visit Tuesday 13th June  
Sports Day Wednesday 28th June  
Annual Reports Friday 7th July  
End of term Friday 21st July

### P.E. and Forest Sessions

P.E. day for RTY & RM - Wednesdays

Forest Session RTY - Fridays

Forest Session RM - Thursdays

### Reading Books

Reading daily for 10 minutes supports your child's development.  
Bring your reading wallet to school every day.