



# Topic Learning Letter

Early Years

<b>Topic</b>	Our topic this half term is ' <i>Our Wonderful World.</i> '
<b>Launch and Land</b>	We are going to launch our topic with a mini-beast hunt in our wildlife area. We will be observing the transformation of a caterpillar into a butterfly and will land our topic with the release of the butterflies into the world!
<b>Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)</b>	Our focus will be on relationships. The children will consider what makes a good friend, how to involve others in a group, and treat people with respect.
<b>Communication and Language</b>	This half term we will continue to develop our communication and language across the curriculum. The children will have opportunities in their play through role play, small world, and storytelling. In addition, there will be structured opportunities to talk in pairs, small groups and as a whole class.
<b>Physical Development</b>	We will continue to develop our gross motor skills through team games and athletic activities. Letter formation will continue to be developed with a focus on the size and orientation of the different letters.
<b>Expressive Arts and Design</b>	In our weekly music sessions the children will learn songs and listen to music about the natural world. We will be drawing observational and imaginary pictures of animals and will create collages to show the life cycle of a butterfly.
<b>Understanding the World</b>	This half-term we will be investigating mini-beasts and their habitats and learning about the life cycle of the butterfly. We will create both small world and pictorial maps of journeys and learn to use directional language.
<b>Literacy</b>	The children will listen to and explore mini-beast poems, in particular the poem 'Hurt No Living Thing' by Christina Rissotti. They will also write simple fact files about mini-beasts. In addition, we will be learning and innovating the story of Little Red Riding Hood.
<b>Maths</b>	We will continue to learn about addition and subtraction and consolidate our recall of number bonds. We will also explore halving and doubling and investigate sharing quantities into equal groups.
<b>Reminders</b>	P.E will continue to be on a <b>Wednesday</b> so children need to wear their P.E kit to school on that day. Children will be attending Forest School and practising our May Day Dance and Class Assembly this term so will <b>not need to wear P:E kit on a Friday</b> .

If you have any questions or concerns at all, please talk to one of the Early Years Team.