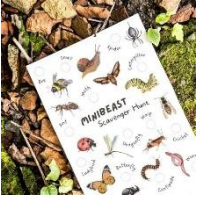

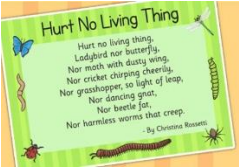


<p><b>This week in Early Years...</b></p> 	<p>This week we launched our exciting new topic, “What a Wonderful World.” To begin, we went on a mini-beast hunt around the schools Nature Garden. The children enthusiastically searched under leaves, logs and stones, using magnifying glasses to observe insects closely and talk about what they noticed. They showed great curiosity and care while identifying different minibeasts. We also explored our bug hotel, discussing who might live there and whether it was a good home. Together, the children evaluated how it could be improved, suggesting changes to help keep our minibeasts safe, comfortable and happy.</p>
<p><b>Maths</b></p> 	<p>The children eagerly discovered a Magic Shape Box during their learning time. When a flat 2D shape was placed inside, a wonderful surprise appeared as it changed into a solid 3D shape. Together, the children learned the mathematical names sphere, cylinder and cuboid. They explored which shapes could roll or stack, talked about corners and faces, and shared ideas about each shape’s special properties, while building confidence, curiosity, teamwork, language skills, problem solving and joyful mathematical understanding together every day.</p>
<p><b>English</b></p> 	<p>In English, the children enjoyed the poem “Hurt No Living Thing” by Christina Rossetti. They performed it with actions and animal poses, then helped write a class version. The children also loved creating minibeast riddles, “What am I?”, writing their own clues so others could guess the creature. This built confidence, creativity, speaking skills, imagination, and early writing enjoyment together.</p>
<p><b>Phonics</b></p>	<p>Consolidation of previously learned Phase 3 phonemes Spelling of tricky words: I, no, go, into, to, the</p>
<p><b>Partnered Reading</b></p>	<p><b>Books read this week:</b> Chick Gets Lost, Sharon and Flash Your child will be able to tell you which book they have read, and you can access these on Bug Club.</p>
<p><b>Reminders</b></p>	<p>Forest School Dolphins 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> April Turtles 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> May</p> <p>It is our MayDay celebrations on the afternoon of Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May, the children are thoroughly enjoying learning our Mayday dance. We welcome parents into the playground to watch our performances.</p>

To support your child’s learning at home this week you could...

- Go on a mini- beast hunt in your garden or in the local area.
- Listen to and perform the poem [Hurt No Living Thing](#)
- **Sunflowers:** remember to keep taking care of your sunflower and measuring its growth weekly. We would love to see any updates on Seesaw.

