



Broomhill First School



This half term's topic for the Little Owls is

Down at the bottom of the Garden

Children will explore the outdoors as they search for mini beasts and learn about plants.

June - July 2017

Understanding the World

Children will learn about the natural world around them. They will make observations of plants and discuss how they change as they grow. We will be making a sensory tray in nursery so children can investigate toy mini beasts using magnified glasses. Children will also hunt for mini beasts and learn about their life cycles. They will be encouraged to care for living things and the environment.



Mathematics

Children will do lots of counting activities as they count legs on mini beasts, the spots on ladybirds or petals on flowers. We will measure plants as they grow and compare the lengths of caterpillars and worms. Children will also sort mini beasts and look at the days of the week as we explore the story of The Hungry Caterpillar.



Literacy, Language & Communication

Children will learn about plants and mini beasts through a variety of stories. They will learn about lifecycles as they listen to how the hungry caterpillar grows into a butterfly. Story sacks will be available so that children can retell the stories with props. They will also participate in listening and phonics activities including exploring our sound of the week.



Physical Development

Children will have the opportunity to use the climbing equipment on the big yard as well as taking part in a mini beast obstacle course and moving like mini beasts. Children will also be involved in lots of sporting events this term. You can bring your child along to our sports day on 30th June for the afternoon for some nursery races.

Yoga for the Little Owls is on a Friday.

Please could you ensure your child comes dressed in PE clothes with appropriate footwear every Friday.

School Trip

To support our topic, children will be going on a trip to Plessey woods on 14th June where they will take part in various outdoor activities. Please make sure children come dressed appropriately for the weather.



Expressive Arts and Design

Songs and rhymes will be used to support the children's knowledge of mini beasts. They will be encouraged to add actions and learn the words. We will also provide opportunities to try different topic themed crafts and art techniques. Children will be able to use their imaginations as they engage in role play in the mini beast garden and in the garden centre in Big Owls.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Children will be encouraged to care for living things including plants and mini beasts. The older nursery children who are moving up to Reception in September will be supported through the transition process and they will be involved in a transition day on 4th July where they will spend time in the Big Owls class with Miss Brindle, staying for lunch and playing on the big yard as a Reception child.

Water Bottles - Please make sure your child has a bottle of fresh water in the classroom each day.
No fizzy drinks, juice or dilute pop please.



Katie Caterpillar

Your child may get the chance to take Katie Caterpillar home overnight for an adventure. If possible take some photographs, draw a picture or write a message to bring back to school and share with the class.



Please help your child to choose a library book from the box in nursery. Take a new book home to share and read together.



Spare Clothes

Please make sure your child has a spare change of clothes in school on their peg **at all times** in case of any accidents.



If you have any items of interest to help with our topic, please get in touch or bring them in so your child can share them with the class.



Things to help your child

Looking - Hunt for mini beasts in your own gardens or out at the park. Look under rocks and logs or dig in the soil. Can children name the mini beasts?

Gardening - Encourage your child to help you look after plants in the garden or plant a seed in a pot to look after indoors. Talk about how the plant changes as it grows.

Talking Books - Please complete the short task each weekend with your child so that they are prepared to talk about it at school on Monday. Add pictures, notes or anything else that might help them.

Sun Cream

Please apply sun cream to your child before nursery and send them in with a sun hat.



Lunch

Lunches cost **£2 per day / £10 per week**. Remember to send any lunch money in a named envelope.



If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and see us. Thank you for all the help and support you continue to give us. Thank you very much for reading our information letter.

Miss Carrick, Mrs Brindle,
Mrs Colbourn and Miss Elliot

