

Broomhill First School



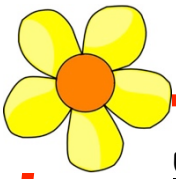
This half term's topic for the Little Owls is

Down at the Bottom of the Garden

Children will explore the outdoors as they search at the bottom of our garden...

Who knows what they might find!

June - July 2019



Understanding the World

Children will learn about the natural world around them. They will hunt for mini beasts and learn about their life cycles. Children will observe minibests in a bug laboratory and we will watch some real caterpillars transform into butterflies in our classroom before we set them free in the garden. Children will also make observations of plants and discuss how plants change as they grow.



Communication, Language and Literacy

Children will study the author Eric Carle as they explore a range of his stories such as 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and 'The Very Busy Spider'. Story sacks will be available so that children can retell the stories with props. We will also use Talk 4 Writing skills to make a class story map and retell the story of the Hungry Caterpillar to develop language. Children will have fun making marks as they observe and record changes in our classroom caterpillars. All children will do lots of name writing practise - especially those moving up to reception next year!

Mathematics

As children search for minibests, they will collect data by completing tallies and counting the totals. Children will compare the length of caterpillars and worms using good vocabulary such as longer and shorter. More practical maths will allow children to learn about capacity as they fill plant pots with soil or fill containers to water plants in the garden. We will also look at the symmetry of butterflies and count spots on a ladybird.



Physical Development

In preparation for Sports Day on **Wed 26th June**, we will be practising races and team games on the school field. Nursery children are welcome to attend to join in if an adult accompanies them. Outdoors, children will be able to lift and carry logs to make a minibest home and they will dig in the garden to plant seeds and find treasures. Fine motor skills will be encouraged through activities such as sorting seeds with tweezers and fingers, weaving spider webs and rolling play dough worms. **Please send children dressed in sports clothes and trainers every Friday for active sessions.**

Look out for details of our end of year trip coming soon!



Expressive Arts and Design

Children will learn about famous artists as they recreate 'The Snail' by Matisse, 'Sunflowers' by Vincent Van Gogh or 'Flowers' by Andy Warhol. They will make lots of minibeast crafts and try out new art techniques. Songs and rhymes will be used to support the children's knowledge of minibeasts. Children will be able to use their imaginations as they engage in role play in the garden centre, the bug lab, Percy the Park Keeper's Hut or the fairy garden.

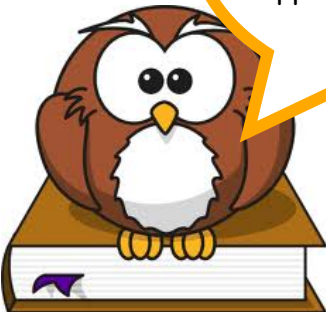


If you have any items of interest to help with our topic, bring them in so your child can share them with the class.



Summer Fair

Come along on **Thursday 20th June** at 4:30pm to support our Summer Fair.



Helping at Home

Looking - Hunt for minibeasts in your own gardens or out at the park. Look under rocks and logs or dig in the soil.

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.

Maths - Compare the length of things at home. Challenge children to find shorter/longer things.

Name Writing - Please encourage your child to write their own name with correct letter formation and a good pencil grip.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Children will be encouraged to care for living things. They will work in teams to get a job done just like ants and bees. They will discuss feelings in relation to different stories such as 'The Bad Tempered Ladybird'.

* Children moving up to Reception in September will be involved in a transition day (Thursday 4th July) where they will spend time in the Big Owls class.

* Parents of those children are invited to an information meeting in the Big Owls classroom at 9:15am on Thursday 4th July to find out more about Reception.



Lunch

Due to a government initiative, school lunches for reception children are free this year. Having a school lunch provides excellent learning opportunities for trying new foods, using cutlery and developing table manners. However, should you prefer to provide a healthy packed lunch instead, then please let us know.



Water Bottles

Send your child's water bottle into school with fresh water each day.



Sun Cream

As it is getting sunnier outside, please apply sun cream to your child **before** they come to nursery.



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

Mrs Haves and Mrs Brindle

