

Community Kids Pre-School Newsletter Summer term 1.

Topic: Minibeasts Adventure!

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to continue our exciting “**Minibeasts**” topic this term! The children have been showing great curiosity and enthusiasm as they explore the tiny creatures and natural world around them.

Here's what we will be learning about:

Creative Activities – Salt Dough Minibeasts

The children will be making their very own **minibeasts using salt dough**, shaping and adding features such as legs, wings, and eyes. This supports creativity, imagination, and fine motor skills.

Colour Mixing & Spring Exploration

We will be exploring **colour mixing**, experimenting with different colours to create new shades inspired by spring.

Children will also enjoy a **spring nature walk**, observing seasonal changes, flowers, and signs of new life.

Songs and Rhymes

We will be enjoying a range of familiar songs, including:

- *Incy Wincy Spider*
 - *There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly*
 - *One Finger, One Thumb, Keep Moving*
- These help to develop language, rhythm, and confidence.

Forest School Learning

During our Forest School sessions, we will be:

- Looking closely at **buds and shoots** as signs of new growth
- Learning about **simple life cycles** in nature
- **Planting seeds** and talking about what plants need to grow

Sun Safety

As the weather gets warmer, please ensure your child brings a **named sun hat and sun cream** to pre-school so we can keep them safe while playing outdoors.

Exciting News!

- Jo has successfully completed her **Level 3 Forest School Leader qualification**
- Jasmine has completed her **Level 3 Early Years Educator qualification**

We are very proud of their achievements!

Food Hygiene Update

We are very pleased to share that we had a Food Hygiene inspection on Thursday 26th March and received the highest rating of 5 – Very Good. Well done to Mikaela for taking charge of this.

This reflects our commitment to maintaining excellent standards of food safety, cleanliness, and hygiene when preparing snacks and food for the children.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development (PSED)

We will continue focusing on **remembering and following rules**, encouraging turn-taking, listening skills, and positive behaviour.

Maths Learning

In maths, we will be:

- **Exploring shapes** in the environment and describing them
- Using **positional language** such as “under,” “next to,” and “behind”
- **Recapping numbers 1–5** through fun activities

Ongoing Minibeast Learning

We will also continue:

- Exploring different **minibeast habitats**
- Learning about the **frog life cycle**
- Going on a **minibeast hunt** using a simple map of the school grounds

Safeguarding & Screen Time Guidance

Your child's safety and wellbeing is our top priority:

- **Designated Safeguarding Lead:** Jo Goodland

- **Deputy Safeguarding Lead:** Mikaela Domoney

Screen Time for Children Under 5:

- Minimal screen time is recommended; encourage **active play, exploration, and outdoor learning** instead.
- If screens are used, ensure content is **high-quality, age-appropriate, and co-viewed** with an adult.
- Limit screen time to **short periods**, especially avoiding screens before bedtime.

Stay and Play Sessions

We are excited to invite you to our **Stay and Play sessions!**

- Starting **Friday 24th April, 2:00pm – 3:15pm**
- Held on the **last Friday of each month**

Come and spend some time with your child in their pre-school environment, join in activities, and see their learning in action.

Please let us know if you are able to attend.

This is open to the community so please bring a friend.

Spaces Available

We have **spaces available from September**—please help us spread the word to friends and family who may be interested!



Dates for Your Diary

- **Monday 20th April:** Return to Pre-School
- **Tuesday 5th May (TBC):** Butterflies group **Swimming Confidence Lessons** begin (Tuesday afternoons)
- **Monday 4th May:** Bank Holiday (Closed)
- **Friday 22nd May:** Break up for half term
- **Monday 1st June:** INSET Day (Closed)
- **Friday 26th June (TBC):** **Summer Trip to Noah's Ark Zoo Farm**
- **Friday 10th July:** **Butterflies Forest School Leavers Party** – all parents invited 

- **Wednesday 22nd July:** Break up for Summer
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☀️ We are pleased to welcome **Lisa** to our team from Monday 20th April. We look forward to her getting to know the children and families at Community Kids.☀️

Caterpillars will be over in their own building on Tuesday and Friday's as from Monday 20th April, as we are now super busy.

How you can support at home:

- Go on a nature walk and look for signs of spring
- Practice colour mixing with paints
- Sing our focus songs together
- Count objects up to 5 and talk about shapes
- Encourage your child to follow simple instructions and routines
- Encourage limited screen use, focusing on hands-on play and exploration

We are so proud of the children's enthusiasm and can't wait to see all their wonderful learning continue!

Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Butterflies and Caterpillars, the Community Kids Team.