

PSED

As a whole school initiative we will start to talk to the children about having a "Growth Mindset" and not a "Fixed Mindset". Through the use of "positive" attitudes and language we will develop the children into developing a "Growth Mindset".

Children (and adults!) with a **growth mindset** believe that intelligence and abilities can be developed through effort, persistence, trying different strategies and learning from mistakes.

On the other hand, people with a **fixed mindset** believe that our intelligence and abilities are fixed traits; something that you are born with and that you can't really do anything about.

Literacy

The children will continue to learn how to read and write through blending and segmenting during phonics sessions. During our "Minibeasts" topic we will be looking at a range of fiction and non-fiction books that give us information about the different types of animals. Some of the fiction books that we will look at include: "Spider Sandwiches", "Doug the Bug that went Boing!", "Superworm", "The Very Busy Spider" and "The Very Hungry Caterpillar". The children will create their own Minibeasts booklets over the half term.

Physical

In PE the children will be developing their football skills. We will learn how to control a ball by using small touches. The children will learn how to stop a ball and control it around different obstacles. The children will learn how to aim the ball into targets and spaces along with passing it to a partner. To finish the children will further developing their throwing and catching skills.

Communication and Language

We will continue to develop our communication through speaking and listening activities that take place in class at circle times. We will be learning new vocabulary related to our "Minibeasts" topic.

Maths

In our maths the children will continue to count and recognise numbers to 20. We will say the number that is one more and one less than numbers to 20.

The children will start to learn about halving and sharing along with learning to subtract. The children will consolidate their learning of adding. The children will develop these skills through practical activities either adult directed or independently.

We will start to learn about time - reading the time to the hour and half hour. The children will also start to look at money.

Reception "Minibeasts"



Understanding of the World

The children will continue to learn how to use computers. They will complete a simple painting program - learning how to select different tools and functions along with developing their skills using a touch pad.

The children will expand their knowledge of the world through our theme "Minibeasts". We look forward to having "Zoolab" visit us in March for a "hands-on" experience.

Expressive Arts and Design

Through our theme of "Minibeasts" the children will create various crafts through a range of activities either adult led or independently.

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