



Foundation Stage News

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Our learning this week:

Look at how much our caterpillars have grown! They are munching their way through the sticky yellow food in their pot and making their way up to the lid spinning silky webs as they do so. When we looked in our information book we noticed that caterpillars like to hang down when they make a chrysalis – we think they must be getting ready.



We have learned that butterflies have beautiful patterns on their wings and that their wings are symmetrical. We had fun making symmetrical shapes with our bodies.

In the Art studio we have been exploring 2D shapes to make symmetrical patterns on our butterflies.



Bean plant update!

Our beanstalks had grown so much we needed to support the stem with a stick. Time to plant them outdoors – we hope they bring you lots of delicious runner beans.

Our magic beans grew into something quite unexpected! Yum yum yum!

Reading book reminder!

On a Friday each week we take the old reading book out of your child's book bag and replace it with a new one for the week.

Please ensure your child's book and diary is inside their zippy wallet on this day.

REMINDER...A special visitor:

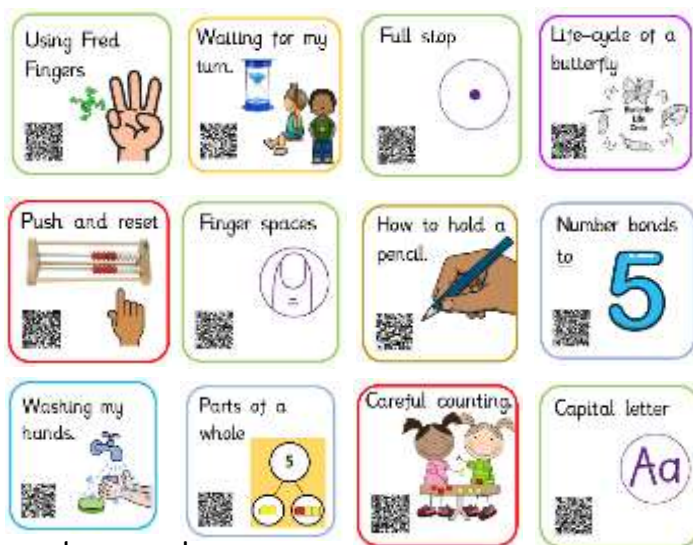


Next Wednesday we are having our exciting visit from South West Animal Services. To cover the cost of this event and ensure we can go ahead we ask for a donation of £3.50 which you can pay via the School Gateway.

Learning Prompts:

We have been teaching the children how to scan the QR codes on our Learning Prompt posters in the classroom using the iPad. They are learning to do this when they need to remember a specific skill or concept. The QR code takes them to a short learning video on our website. So far we have created prompts for the following:

- Handwashing
- How to hold a pencil
- Careful counting
- Using a full stop
- Using a capital letter
- Using finger spaces
- Using Fred Fingers to spell
- Waiting for a turn
- The life-cycle of a butterfly
- Number bonds to 5
- Parts of a whole
- Using a Rekenrek – how to push a number and reset




You can find these videos under the Curriculum in Action / Reception Learning Prompts tabs.


A date for your diary:



Our Early Years Sports Day will be held on Thursday 23rd June from 1:45pm on the school field. Families are welcome to attend to cheer the children on. Please head straight for the field and we will bring your little athletes up to take part. We will ask you to wave from the sidelines whilst the children stay with the staff during the event. At the end of the afternoon, please wait on the field until we have safely returned the children back to class to collect their home time belongings. We will then release them in the usual way.

Our learning next week:

Next week our theme for learning is Ladybirds. This week we discovered that there are many ladybirds on the bushes up on the school field and we want to find out more about them – we will go and have a close look to learn some more. 

We will read the story 'What the Ladybird Heard' and notice the map drawn in the illustrations. This will be a great link to the start of our transitioning to Year 1 work – we will create our own map of the school grounds and our journey to our new Year 1 unit by following a Ladybird trail. 

In Mathematics we will use the story 'The Bad Tempered Ladybird' to explore the concept of time. We will be using time related words (see vocabulary below) to talk about and sequence our day. We will also use the spots on the ladybird's wings to explore the concept of doubling some more.



Finally on Friday we will pay tribute to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II by enjoying some jubilee related activities. This will be a mufti day – wear something red, white and blue!

Key vocabulary for next week:

double ladybird larvae pupa before now next after later

Read Write Inc. home learning:



Please click on the links below to access teaching videos for the sounds your child has been learning in school this week so you can watch them together to revise at home:

Special Friends igh – <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/smgtoS7O/snxfl4rsu>

Special Friends air – <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/jbpK8asa/R2Ki8xvC>

Hold a sentence – <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/ufGhyAtx/8Bcmak6g>

Have a lovely weekend everyone!