



Home School Guide – Spring 2 2021

Tiny Bees – Reception Class

Theme/Topic: The Very Hungry Caterpillar

Welcome back Tiny Bees! It has been so lovely to see you all back at school. We have a got an exciting term planned for you. Take a look at some of the things you will be learning.

Areas of learning

<p>Communication and Language</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listening and Attention • Speaking 	<p>Throughout the day your child will have a range of opportunities to develop their communication and language skills. This will be both during adult initiated activities and also through child-initiated activities during continuous provision. This area of learning is weaved into all the areas of learning.</p>
<p>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-Regulation • Managing Self • Building Relationships 	<p>During this term your child will be supported to build upon their friendships through a range of activities and also be supported to become independent learners. Our Jigsaw topic this term is Healthy Me, your child will learn about what helps to keep healthy. We continue to learn Lily Parks Golden Rules ‘Ready, Respectful and Safe’, children will learn this throughout the Early Years Provision.</p>
<p>Physical Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gross Motor Skills • Fine Motor Skills 	<p>Your child will develop their gross and fine motor skills in a range of ways. This includes access to the outdoor environment where children can run, climb and ride bikes etc. In the classroom environment your child will participate in daily dough disco to strengthen the muscles in their hands, develop cutting skills and build upon this in continuous provision. Your child will also take part in a weekly PE lesson with a focus on ball skills.</p>
<p>Literacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehension • Work Reading • Writing 	<p>In literacy, children will develop their ‘Talk for Writing’ skills and begin to innovate familiar stories. They will be learning stories such as ‘The Very Hungry Caterpillar’ They will also be looking at some non-fiction texts and learn about life-cycles. Children will also have the opportunity to learn poetry about minibeasts. Your child will continue their journey of becoming a reader. They will participate in two daily focused phonics lessons and will have the opportunities to continue this learning during continuous provision time. Your child will be provided with a range of opportunities to make marks and develop their early writing skills throughout the day with a focus on writing words and captions.</p>
<p>Mathematics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number • Numerical Patterns 	<p>In Maths, children will begin their early mathematical development through teacher lead activities and through child-initiated learning opportunities. They will gain a greater understanding of number and place value working with numbers to 10, they will have a range of opportunities for representing and comparing objects and numbers. They will also be learning how to compare weight and capacity as well as measuring length and height.</p>
<p>Understanding of the World</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Past and Present • People, Culture and Communities • The Natural World 	<p>This term your child will learn about the natural world around them and learn about the life-cycle of a butterfly. Your child will also be learning about different minibeasts and their habitats. Your child will also learn about the Christian celebration of Easter.</p>
<p>Expressive Arts and Design</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating with Materials • Being Imaginative and Expressive 	<p>Your child will be able to access a range of resources for them to explore and investigate. They will have opportunities to make models using different techniques. We will continue to have a home corner this term, with a particular focus on writing lists. We will also have our role play fruit and vegetable shop and children will have the opportunity to develop their mathematical skills in this area.</p>

Things to remember

- Please ensure all your child's clothes including PE kit are clearly labelled
- Classroom doors will open at 8.30am and close at 8.40am
- PE is on Thursday this half term – Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit.
- Book bags to be in school every day.
- Reading books will go home on a Monday and need to be returned to school on a Thursday.

Websites to access

www.purplemash.com

Username and passwords will be sent home.

Class Dojo: Remember you can contact your child's class teacher through Class Dojo. Your child's teacher may also send messages on this app.

Tapestry: We use Tapestry to record your child's learning journey. Please ensure you have signed up to Tapestry as you are able to upload any home learning. It is important that we work collaboratively as this helps build a shared understanding of how your child can reach their full potential.

Key Dates

School reopens on Monday 8th February at 8.40am

Friday 12th March - Non uniform for a piece of Easter chocolate for the chocolate tombola

Thursday 18th March - Film Night £2.00 - bring your own snacks!

Friday 19th March - Comic relief - wear something funny for money £1.00 donation for the Comic Relief charity

Friday 19th March - Bags for School will be collected

Monday 21st March - Sponsored Easter Fun Run and egg hunt – details to follow

Monday 21st March - Deadline for Egg decorating competition – details to follow

Wednesday 24th March - Easter Raffle and chocolate tombola

Thursday 25th March - Easter party 3.30pm – 5.00pm £2.00 per child. £1.00 for food - hot dogs and Easter nest plus tuck shop

Friday 26th March – last day of term normal finish time

School reopens on Monday 12th April