



Brougham
Primary School

Early Years Newsletter

Summer 2

Nursery



This term our theme within the Early Years is Glorious Gardens

In Nursery our topic is Marvellous Minibeasts

Within this topic children will learn about minibeasts and their habitats. Through key texts and exploring our own garden the children will learn to name minibeasts and their habitats. The children will develop their attention to detail and explore the appearances, movements, similarities and differences of the minibeasts they have found using scientific and technological equipment such as magnifying glasses, microscopes, bug catchers and a magnifying app. The children will build on their prior knowledge of life cycles from their Preschool topic 'What is a Woodland?' and the Nursery topic 'Traditional Tales' by observing the life cycle of a butterfly with a butterfly hatchery and creating a butterfly garden to release the butterflies into. Along with developing a butterfly garden the children will develop a further understanding of things that can live in our garden by encouraging additional wildlife into the garden through creating habitats. Further interest in the topic will be developed by a visit from Zoolab where the children will be able to learn more about minibeasts from experts as well as getting to hold them and see them up close. The children will create a book about this experience in order to share their learning of the topic.

As part of transition, the children will look back at their 'Amazing Me' books created at the beginning of their Brougham journey and share these with their new teacher.

Ideas to support your child's learning through this topic:

Communication and Language

- Share experiences from your day to prompt conversation about your child's day "guess that I did today ..."
- Use photographs/recordings of your minibeast hunts to prompt conversation. Comment on what you found

Physical Development

- Draw and colour minibeasts you find in your garden or on a trip to the park – please look after the creatures you find
- Create a minibeast obstacle course together and challenge each other to move across it like different minibeasts e.g. crawl like a spider

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Look after and take care of the minibeasts you find
- Learn about Sun Safety <https://www.sunsafenurseries.co.uk/resources/>

Literacy

- Listen for the first sound in the minibeast's names e.g. l for ladybird
- Visit the local library and look at information books and story books about minibeasts and gardens

Maths

- Draw ladybirds and draw different numbers of spots on the ladybirds – up to 5
- Explore CBeebies Numberblocks (numbers 1-5) website <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/numberblocks>

Understanding the World

- Go on a minibeast hunt in your garden or on a trip to the park
- Encourage minibeasts into your garden by making Bug Hotels with piles of logs, sticks, leaves etc

Expressive Arts and Design

- Move like different minibeasts e.g. flutter like a butterfly, wriggle like a worm
- Create minibeasts using different media e.g. chalk, draw, paint, craft materials, junk models, play dough

Please follow Brougham Primary School on Instagram, Facebook and X (Twitter) and keep up to date with our Class Dojo page to find out what the children have been getting up to.

Reminders and Special Events

Please remember to put sun cream on your children during the sunny days, you are welcome to send your child into school with a cap (please pop names inside).

Important Dates Term dates: Monday 1st June – Friday 17th July

PD Day: Friday 3rd July