



Hedgehogs and Woodpeckers  
Summer term 2<sup>nd</sup> half  
Minibeasts



Dear Parents/Carers,

This term in Hedgehogs and Woodpeckers we will be discovering all about minibeasts. In literacy we will read a variety of fiction books with a minibeast theme, through which we will explore rhythm and rhyme. We are also going to write our own poems and create acrostics based on minibeasts. Next we will think about the sequences of stories and use this knowledge to write our own versions based on the book 'The Crunching, Munching Caterpillar'. Finally we will explore the differences between fiction and non-fiction, and use non-fiction books to research a variety of minibeasts, using what we have learned to create fact sheets for the other children at Roydon Primary School. We cannot wait to get started!

In numeracy we will be using a variety of practical techniques and methods to explore counting and properties of numbers. In week 2 we will look at place value, ordering and estimating, followed by developing our understanding of addition and subtraction. We will be learning about multiplication and division in week four and fractions in week five. After that our focus will be measures, including time. Finally, in week 7 we will be handling and interpreting data. We are certainly going to be very busy in maths.

In science the children will learn about a variety of minibeasts and their habitats. We will look closely at those that creep and crawl, fly and spin webs. This will also be an opportunity to learn about the life cycle of different minibeasts, learn about food chains and identify and label minibeasts' body parts. Our topic will also support all of the foundation subjects. In D.T. and art the children are going to design a home for a snail, create honeycomb prints, make split-pin minibeasts, symmetry butterflies and create webs. We will also make honey sandwiches, yummy! Our P.E. sessions will focus on games, bat and ball skills and skipping rope skills, and in music we will be exploring how we can use the musical instruments to make different sounds, beats and rhymes.

We have lots to fit in this term, including sports day and busking day which we will be busy preparing for.

We really hope the children enjoy their final term in Woodpeckers and Hedgehogs.



Many thanks for your continuing support.

Miss Souter, Mrs Willer and Mrs Davies