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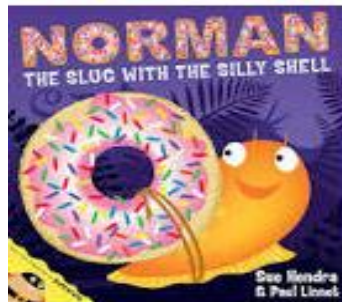
Year Reception: Summer 1

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

As part of our 'We're going on a minibeast hunt' topic we will discuss how Norman felt when his friends excluded him. We will work on our ability to understand how we can offer empathy and comfort to others. In our Jigsaw sessions we will learn about being the best friends we possibly can be. We will learn about falling out and making positive friendships.

Communication & Language

We are going to read the story 'Norman the Slug with the Silly Shell'. We will retell the story and join in the with key parts. We will change key parts of our Norman the Slug map. Finally, we will move on to inventing our own story as a class using Small World. We will sing many different minibeast songs using Makaton signs, how fun!



Physical Development

We have worked hard on building strength in our shoulders by climbing, digging and carrying equipment outdoors. This half term we will pretend to be minibeasts and move around the outdoor area/field by negotiating obstacles.

We will develop our fine motor skills by creating minibeast models. We will use different tools that require strong fingers!





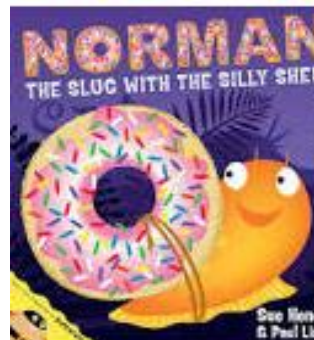
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Literacy

In our Phonics lessons we have learnt all the phase 2 and 3 sounds. We are working hard to read words and tricky words independently using our phonics knowledge. We are starting to read with fluency and show an understanding of what we have read. We are working on writing a simple sentence using the tricky words we know. We will continue to work on our ability to write using our phonics knowledge and form our letters correctly to make us ready for Year 1.

Maths

This half term we will develop our understanding of shapes, we will use our knowledge to create patterns, talk about the properties and solve mathematical problems. We are becoming adding experts, we will continue to learn about adding using part-part-whole models. This helps us understand what the value of different numbers are. We will also complete doubling Maths activities with Ladybirds.



Understanding The World

This half term we will build on our knowledge of Spring and we will learn about Minibeasts. We will explore their habitats and continue to talk about the importance of plants. We will learn the names of different minibeasts, and we will learn about what makes them special. We will go on minibeast hunts. We will become experts about snails and help grow some butterflies! In R.E we will learn about how people celebrate different festivals in the Spring and Summer season.

Expressive Arts and Design

This half term we will continue to develop our skills by following task plans independently to create wonderful pieces of art. We will be looking at the work of the artist Matisse. We will create our own snails using his work as an inspiration. Outdoors, we will create a bug hotel and butterfly garden to attract wildlife. We will have many opportunities to work as a group and share our ideas with each other. We will do this by working together to build a Science minibeast lab roleplay area.





<u>Website link</u>	<u>What it can be used for...</u>
https://abctoes.com/home-learning	50 things to do at home (Alistair Brice-Clegg)
https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/	Excellent maths resources.
https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=37	Maths online games.
https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/numberblocks	Numberblocks
Google classroom Wonde - apps	All of our work
Oxfordowl.co.uk	Phonics books to read
Letterjoin.co.uk	Handwriting practice
https://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/	Phonics reading games.
https://www.loving2read.com/accounts/signup/	Free sign up for books on-line
https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies	Practicing computing skills- random games.



Reminders

Every Friday- Your child will bring home a **library book**, please read the book to them and return this by the following Friday.

Every Friday- Your child will bring home a **Phonics book**, please read the book to them and return this by the following Monday.

Please bring a spare set of clothing for your child to keep on their peg. Thank you.

PLEASE BRING A PAIR OF WELLIES TO KEEP IN RECEPTION FOR THE FULL YEAR. WE USE WELLIES FOR OUR OUTDOOR LEARNING EVERYDAY.



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