

Communication and Language

There will be a continued emphasis on listening to stories and sharing both fiction and non-fiction books.

The children will be encouraged to ask lots of questions and extend their vocabulary with exciting new words.

As a class, we will focus on responding to the ideas of others. We will develop our speech to link statements and stick to a main theme.

Physical Development

We will continue to take part in regular dough disco sessions during our early bird morning activities to develop our fine motor strength.

PE will take place outdoors on Tuesdays, weather permitting. We will use a range of equipment to develop our hand-eye co-ordination, balance and agility. On Fridays, we will be indoors, working on flight and rotation in Unit 2 of our Real Gym.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Our Hampton Dene Discoverers focus for this term is 'Imagination'.

There will be opportunities to work as a group and take account of one another's ideas. We will continue our PSHE activities to support children's mental health and wellbeing.

English

We will be recalling fiction stories such as 'The Very Lazy Ladybird' and 'Dear Zoo'. We will focus on adjectives and extending the stories.

We will be learning poems from the book 'Mad about Minibeasts' and creating our own poems. We will also write a fact file about our favourite minibeast.

In Phonics, we will re-cap Phase 2 and Phase 3 sounds regularly. We will focus on recognising tricky words by sight and use these in our writing.

Reception – Summer Term 1 - 2026

Our topic in Ladybird Class this half term is 'Minibeast Mayhem' as voted for by the class. The children's interests will continually be used to inform the direction which our topic takes.



Maths

Throughout the Summer Term, we will be consolidating key skills such as subitising, counting, composition of numbers, sorting and matching, and comparing and ordering.

We will build and identify numbers beyond 10, recognising that 15 is $10 + 5$ etc. This will support exploring counting patterns forwards and backwards within 20.

As a class, we will learn about adding more and taking away using the first, then, now structure.

Understanding the World

We will be learning all about minibeasts and taking part in Forest School sessions. We are going to focus on a different minibeast each week and explore the life cycle of a caterpillar.

As a class, we shall name and group a variety of common animals. We will also learn about plants and find out what they need to grow.

How you can help

Talk to your child about our topic of 'Minibeast Mayhem'. You could go on a bug hunt and see what you can find in your local area. Please continue to read regularly with your child and write a comment in their log. Provide regular opportunities for your child to practise their letter formation and encourage your child to sound out words independently. Practise counting using our body taps and recognising numbers from 0 – 20.

Thank you!

Expressive Arts and Design

We will use a range of materials to create different minibeasts.

We will be painting pebbles to represent different minibeasts, as well as making minibeast masks. We will use paper plates and bottle lids to create mini ladybirds and bees. We will create a jungle collage picture and paint animals.