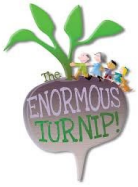
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Year R Curriculum
Summer Term 1

Drawing Club – This Half Term

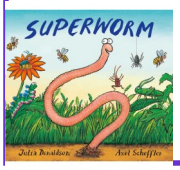


This half term in Drawing Club, we will be exploring a wonderful selection of stories and animations to spark our creativity and imagination. Our focus texts will include *The Enormous Turnip*, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, and *Superworm*, along with a range of exciting animation clips from *Minuscule*, which feature a variety of fascinating minibeasts.

Through these engaging stories, the children will be inspired to:

- Design imaginative new meals using the enormous turnip
- Think creatively about how to get the turnip out of the ground
- Invent clever traps that Superworm might create to catch a monster
- Dream up delicious new snacks for the ever-hungry caterpillar

In addition, the children will learn to retell the story of *The Enormous Turnip* using fun actions and storytelling techniques, helping to build their confidence in language and performance.



We are looking forward to seeing all the wonderful ideas the children come up with and how their storytelling and drawing skills blossom over the coming weeks

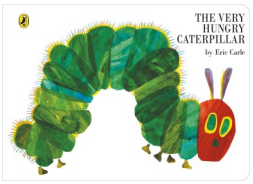
Caterpillars!

We are excited that we will be having our own class pet caterpillars to watch grow, then form cocoons and turn into beautiful butterflies!



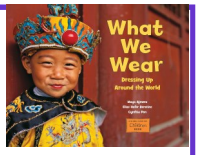


This will help us with our Art learning about the author Eric



Carle who created beautiful collages, just like the ones in the story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'.

Other learning this half term



Special Clothes

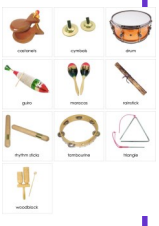
In RE we will be learning about different clothes and why/when we wear them. The children will think about special clothes such as party clothes, and important clothes such as a uniform. We will look at clothes from different religions including a Christian minister's clothing and Hindu clothing such as a sari.

Music



In music, we'll be buzzing with excitement as we explore the song *Five Fine Bumble Bees* – a lively counting song full of rhythm and fun! Children will learn to sing the song in a call-and-response style, building their confidence in listening and vocal skills.

There will be lots of opportunities to add percussion instruments to bring the song to life, and to create imaginative minibeast soundscapes using voices and body percussion. Through these activities, children will begin to understand changes in tempo and enjoy responding to music through expressive movement and dance.



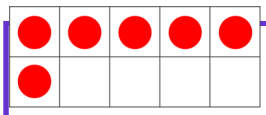
Can You Help?

Do you wear a uniform for work? Would you be willing to come into school so the children can learn about all the different uniforms that are worn? Let your class teacher know if you can help. We would love you to visit!

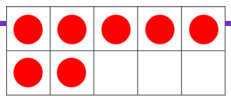


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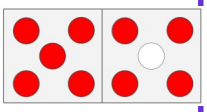




Maths



Our maths learning will begin by counting larger sets, including objects that aren't all visible or can't be touched at the same time—like sounds, actions, or things in a picture—helping children to build their understanding of number in different contexts. Subitising (recognising small quantities without counting) will continue, with a focus on numbers up to 6, including when presented in different arrangements.

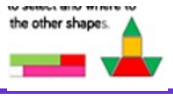


Children will explore number composition, looking closely at '5 and a bit' numbers, and begin to understand how different numbers make up 10. We'll also be comparing quantities and developing a sense of order and position using ordinal language.

To support this learning in a fun and active way, we'll be playing track games that encourage counting, comparing, and moving along in sequence.

The children will also continue to count beyond 20. You can help at home by having fun counting beyond 20. The 'Big Numbers Song' below is great fun to sing:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e0dJWfQHF8Y

We will be making shape arrangements and talking about what we notice.





Forest School

Over the Summer term, all Year R classes will receive 4 Forest school sessions. A separate letter will be coming home outlining more information and explaining what the children need to wear to school on these days. The dates for forest school are:

Badger and Squirrel Class—
22rd April, 29th April, 6th May, 13th May.

Fox and Mole Class—
20th May, 3rd June, 10th June, 17th June

Rabbit and Hedgehog Class—
Monday 23rd June, Tuesday 1st July, Tuesday 8th July, Tuesday 15th July

PE days



PE will be outside ball games this half term. All children will need clearly named, **Velcro fastening trainers** in their PE bag please.

Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school and earrings are removed on the following days:
Badger and Squirrel— Thursdays
Rabbit and Hedgehog—Thursdays
Fox and Mole- Tuesdays

PE kits need to have VELCRO trainers, shorts, T-shirt and leggings or jogging bottoms in a drawstring bag. All CLEARLY NAMED please.

Phonics

We will begin Phase 4 phonics this half term. The children have learnt all of the phase 2 and phase 3 letters, digraphs and trigraphs. They will now learn how to read and spell longer words such as pond, shrink and strong. They will also learn about two-syllable words such as printer, lunchbox and jumping. Below are all the sounds that your child needs to know to be ready for Year 1.



Contact us!

Here are the teachers' email addresses should you need to contact them.

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