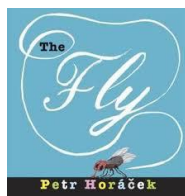


Reception Newsletter- Week beginning: 6.05.25

Term 5 topic- Minibeasts

What is happening in our garden?

Our story of the week- 'The Fly' by Petr Horáček



Personal, Social and Emotional Development- This week in our Jigsaw session we have been thinking about what makes a good friend. We have talked about feeling lonely, how a good friend can help when we are, and what we look for in a good friend. We talked about what to do if we feel cross with our friends and how to make things better. Our school value this term is 'Integrity', and we know that this means that we make the right choices even when no-one is looking. We are also enjoying singing songs about our 'Community'.

Communication and Language- We loved finding out about flies and think they're quite 'disgusting'!!! We did find out though, that as disgusting as their habits are, they are necessary for the food chain. Ask us about the song of the old lady who swallowed a fly! We have also chatted about VE Day and why we celebrate it, and thought a little bit about what it must have been like during the war.

Physical Development- We love being active at outside time. We have been using a variety of play equipment in our reception garden and on the large playground. We have enjoyed throwing, catching and kicking footballs, using hockey sticks and tennis rackets with small balls and using our sand pit and mud kitchen. We have been doing lots of activities to develop our fine motor skills, threading leaves, practising our writing, using scissors for a variety of cutting activities and using various building and constructing toys. In PE this week we have been making 'straight shapes' and 'star shapes' with our body and jumping safely onto a spot on a mat.

Literacy- We have done lots of independent writing in our role-play areas and on clipboards and white boards around our classrooms. We have also looked at a variety of non-fiction books about minibeasts and have read lots of story books. We are becoming ever more confident readers and we are so proud of how far we have come! **Keep reading daily at home!** This week we wrote a sentence about something we did during the Bank Holiday weekend, we have got really good at pinching our words on our fingers and then writing down the sounds.

Mathematics- We continue to be excellent mathematicians! We love to use our knowledge and explore the maths apparatus in the classrooms. We know that maths is everywhere and that we use it all the time, sometimes without knowing! We have been concentrating on knowing our numbers to 20 really well this week – recognising them, ordering them, matching to them and knowing what one more and one less would be.

We are counting in 1s to 30, 2s to 20, 10s to 100 and now 5s to 50. We have been using 10 frames and counters this week to show both addition and subtraction number sentences.

Understanding the World - We are keen minibeast spotters in our reception garden and have found all sorts of different minibeasts. We know we have to handle minibeasts gently as they are living creatures and return them to where we found them. We had a chat about the different parts of an insect and labelled a fly. Ask us about the thorax and the abdomen! We were very excited on Thursday when our teachers had a surprise delivery. We had a guess at what it might be and were super excited to have caterpillars arrive in our class. We talked about how we can look after them and have enjoyed using magnifying glasses to have a look at them. They are very small at the moment, but I wonder how much they will grow over the weekend? We must remember to wrap a scarf round them to keep them warm over the weekend. On Thursday we celebrated VE Day. We had a whole school picnic together on the field, listened to The Last Post, held a minutes silence and sang 'We'll meet again'.

Expressive Arts and Design - We have enjoyed making lots of buzzy fly patterns in pens, glue and glitter like in the story of the week. We also used brushes and wooden blocks to make fly pictures. We love our minibeast den role play area and have enjoyed pretending to be scientists.

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Supporting learning at home

- What minibeasts can you spot in your garden? Can you draw one and label it?
- Recognise shapes in the environment.
- Practise writing numbers the correct way round. Can you write numbers to 20, and beyond? We'd love to see your work.
- Practise jumping safely from height and landing without putting your hands down.

Reading Tips this week

- Practise recognising all the sounds you have learnt so far?
- Which 'red' words, such as 'the', 'of', 'my', 'I' can you spot in your bedtime story?

Notes for next week 12.05.25

- Don't forget to bring a water bottle, bookbag and coat to school every day.
- Remember sunhats and sun screen if the days become hotter.
- Please bring in a PE kit to keep in school. Chestnut PE is on a Thursday and Hazel PE in on a Friday.

Have a lovely weekend!