



### WEEKLY PARENT NEWSLETTER – Nursery Cubs 28 April 2014

#### Important Dates and Messages

- **Early Year Cubs Sports Day**

Monday 28 April at 9am Primary Campus (before the weather gets too hot)

Please remember to send a filled water bottle each day as the weather is getting warmer and it's important that the children stay hydrated.

Water & Snacks - Children will have access to water throughout the sports but need to bring their water bottle. Oranges will be provided as a snack and you may want to send an extra healthy NUT FREE snack on this day.

Clothing - Your son or daughter should arrive at school in their PE kit and house t-shirt. We strongly recommend that they wear a sun hat and sun-cream.

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- **Book Fair**

Mark the dates in your diary! Our annual Book Fair is coming on 8, 9 and 10 May (Thursday, Friday and Saturday). There will be a great selection of books available for all ages. More details will follow after the break.

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- Please continue to send in boxes and other bits and pieces for our making table: the children are having a wonderful time putting them to use. Please check that the contents did not contain nut products, or any medicines.

- Remember we have a **holiday on Thursday and Friday 1 & 2 May**

- **Indoor shoes** – Over the next term we would like to phase in all children having separate indoor shoes for school. We kindly ask that all parents provide their children with a change of shoes for indoor play, these can be kept in their cubbies and put on once at school. Children will then change into their outdoor shoes for outdoor play. Providing your children with a pair of comfortable slip-on (with back) indoor shoes helps to keep our Cubs area cleaner whilst ensuring your child's comfort and safety.



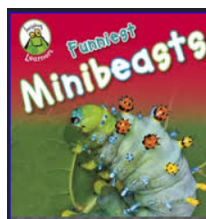
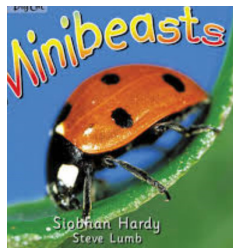
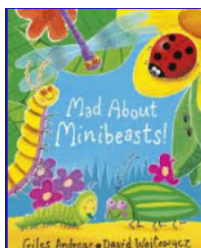
- **Parent readers** -The children have been very excited to receive their new reading books. If you would like to volunteer to read with children in school we would love to hear from you.

#### Learning Theme of the week

This week will be a finale to our minibeast topic. We will be making a big non fiction book about minibeasts encouraging children to consider which minibeast they will choose to focus on. They will have the opportunity to draw or paint their chosen creature, and research facts about their creature that they would like to include on their page.



**Key Vocabulary:** non fiction book, information, minibeast, ladybird, insect, spider, caterpillar, butterfly, dragonfly, beetle, grasshopper.



Some of the main learning intentions taught and explored this week will be:

#### **Communication, Language and Literacy**

- Children will be introduced to non fiction books and we will be using these to find out facts about minibeasts. We will also be creating our own class big books of minibeasts which we look forward to sharing with other classes at the end of the week.

**Key Vocabulary:** non fiction books, information, illustration, writing, text.

#### **Mathematics**

- We will be continuing to explore shape and pattern, making arrangements with 2D and 3D shapes, and talking about the names and properties of different shapes.
- We will sing number songs and rhymes and play games to reinforce counting and numeral recognition skills.

**Key Vocabulary:** 2D shape, 3D shape, side, corner, triangle, circle, square, rectangle, pattern

#### **Expressive arts and design**

- We will be drawing and painting pictures of minibeasts for our big book.
- Children will have the opportunity to create their own minibeast from recycled materials.

**Key Vocabulary:** colour, shape, paint, draw, fix, attach, build, construct

#### **Understanding the World**

- The children have become very adept at hunting for minibeasts and we will be asking and answering questions about what they have observed.

**Key Vocabulary:** colour, shape, paint, draw, fix, attach, build, construct

#### **Physical Development**

- We will begin the week with sports day where the children will have fun showing off the skills they've been learning during their recent PE lessons. The emphasis is on taking part rather than competition and knowing that it is important to exercise to keep our bodies healthy.

**Key Vocabulary:** play, game, throw, catch, run, aim

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## **Phonics**

We will be playing phonics games during carpet time and in groups to reinforce understanding of rhyme and alliteration. We will also be listening to the initial sounds in words, and for children that are ready, we will look at the letter shapes and corresponding letter sounds. (s,a,t,p,i,n)

## **Mandarin**

We are going to talk about different sports next week, including skip the rope, jumping, running, playing football, playing basketball. We will learn a new song which is called “Shi jie zhen mei hao (世界真美好)” We will do a worksheet which is called sports matching as well.

Key words: skip the rope (tiao sheng 跳绳), jumping (tiao 跳), running (pao bu 跑步), play football (ti zhu qiu 踢足球), play basketball (ti lan qiu 打篮球)

## **Dutch**

Deze week hebben we rond het thema ‘groeien en bloeien’ gewerkt. Nieuwe woorden zoals potgrond, zaadjes, zaaien, wortels, steel, gieten, gieter etc. zijn veelvuldig gebruikt. De kinderen hebben tuinkers gezaaid en houden de groei elke dag in de gaten. Ook verzorgen ze hun plantje zeer goed.

Tevens hebben ze prachtige hyacinten geverfd. We hebben een dans gemaakt op het liedje “Er zitten bolletjes in de grond”.

Elke week mogen de kinderen een boek lenen uit de bieb, geeft u alstublieft elke dinsdag het biebboek weer mee aan uw kind.

Please let us know if you have any questions or comments.

Many thanks again.

**The Nursery Team.**