



### WEEKLY PARENT INFORMATION NEWSLETTER – Pre Nursery

#### Week beginning Monday 13 April

##### Messages

- Dates for your diary: Sports Day will be on Monday 27 April.
- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April and Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May, school is closed.

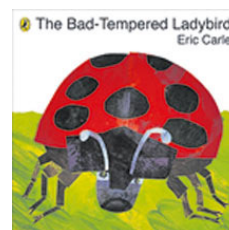


##### Learning Theme – Mini-beasts.

This week we will continue our mini-beast theme which has proved to be very popular with the children. The wet weather has been perfect for hunting for snails and we hope to find other creature too as the weather begins to warm up again. We are remembering also to look after the plants and seeds that we planted last term, and it has been very exciting to see how much they have grown over the holidays.

##### Literacy

We will read the book *The Bad Tempered Ladybird* by Eric Carle. At the start of the story a friendly ladybird is eating a breakfast of aphids on a leaf, when it is joined by a very bad-tempered ladybird who also wants to eat the aphids, but refuses to share. The bad tempered ladybird flies off and encounters a variety of animals before returning to the leaf and deciding that sharing the aphids is actually a great idea.



##### Mathematics

We will look at the spots on the ladybirds. We will see if we can match the number of spots to make the two wings the same. We will add our own spots to wings, perhaps making matching symmetrical patterns, and investigating different arrangements of spots.

##### Understanding the World

We will continue to be mini-beast explorers, hunting in our outdoor environment to see what bugs and insects we can find. We will think about what sort of places mini-beasts like to hide in, and why they like those places. We shall continue to remind children about taking care and being gentle with living creatures and plants.

##### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The bad tempered ladybird did not want to share his aphids at the beginning of the story. We will discuss this with the children and ask them whether they think this was a good choice. Do they share with their friends? Sometimes sharing can be difficult; we will explore how we feel when our friends share the toys with us, and how it feels if they choose not to share. Children will be invited to spot their friends making good choices and acknowledge it by sticking a black spot onto that child's ladybird. By the end of the week everyone should have a ladybird full of black spots!

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## **Expressive Arts and Design**

We will learn a song called *Ladybug Ladybug*: <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=qjhSgMqsAfM> and practise the actions to the song.

There will be lots of opportunity to practise collage, printing and painting; as well as creating 3 dimensional representations of mini-beasts throughout the week in the core provision.

## **Dutch**

Het nieuwe thema is lente. Binnen dit thema zullen we aandacht besteden aan verkleinwoorden, tegenstellingen en woordenschat gericht op 'de boerderij' en 'groeien en bloeien.

Het liedje dat we zingen is te vinden op Youtube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Qgykode2es>

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

Many thanks again.

**The Pre Nursery Team.**