

Honey Bee Class – Summer 1 Overview



Communication & Language Development

We will be...

- Learning new vocabulary using 'buzz words' and talking about our experiences.
- Exploring our thoughts and actions.
- Answering questions.
- Learning to both listen and speak during circle times and at snack time when we share weekend books



At home, you could talk to me about things we did, places that we went to yesterday and the photos of my learning on our Class Dojo.

Expressive Arts & Design

We will be....

- Singing songs linked to our topic.
- 3D Box modelling- Minibeasts.
- Colour mixing to make a honeycomb.
- Re-telling stories with puppets and props.
- Make a clay mini-beast.
- Make a bug hotel.
- Decorate a minibeast stone.
- Reciting a new poem each week.
- Making a piece of collaborative art



At home, you could give me string, scissors, sticky tape, glue and boxes to make a minibeast model.

Understanding the World

We will be...

- Experimenting with circuits and making a light up caterpillar.
- Strengthening the positive impressions children have of their own cultures and faiths, and those of others in their community, by sharing and celebrating a range of practices and special events.
- Muddy Monday- exploring our local environment
- Learning about lifecycles- hatching caterpillars.
- Having a wormery to learn about natural processes and protecting the environment.



At home you could make a minibeast hotel or a seed bomb.

Core Books

The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
 The Very Greedy Bee by Steve Smallman
 The Crunching Munching Caterpillar by Sheridan Cain
 Superworm by Julia Donaldson
 The Bumble Bear by Nadia Shireen
 The Bear and the Bees by Ella Richardson
 What the Ladybird Heard by Julia Donaldson
 The very Lazy Ladybird by Isobel Finn and Jack Tickle
 The Bad -Tempered Ladybird by Eric Carle
 Why do we need Bees by Usborne
 From Caterpillar to Butterfly by Deborah Heiligman

Physical Development

We will be...

- Taking part in weekly Dance and PE sessions.
- Developing our fine and gross motor skills.
- Promoting health awareness by talking with children about exercise, healthy eating and its effect on their bodies and the positive contribution it can make to their health.
- Eating a variety of foods and understanding the need for a variety of food.
- Developing our pencil grip to support us to form our letters correctly.



At home, you could talk to me about different ways of keeping healthy, like washing my hands, eating healthy foods and exercise.

Literacy

We will be...

- Developing a love of books in our story sessions.
- We will focus children's attention on predictions and explanations through reading different books.
- Providing varied texts and encourage children to use all their skills including their phonic knowledge to decode words.
- Supporting and scaffolding individual children's writing as opportunities arise.
- Embedding phase 4 phonics in our independent writing.



At home, share fiction and non-fiction books and learn poems together.

Mathematics

We will be...

- Reading, writing and ordering numbers from 0-20 and beyond..2
- Exploring patterns- simple and complex.
- Saying what is one more and one less.
- Addition and subtraction.
- 2D and 3D shapes.
- Doubling/halving/sharing.
- Counting in 2s and 5s.
- Number bonds to 10.



At home, you could look for shapes in the environment, and numerical patterns or relationships

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

- We will be... Supported to manage emotions and develop a positive sense of self.

- Set themselves simple goals and have confidence in their own abilities, to persist and wait for what they want.
- They will learn how to look after their bodies, including healthy eating, and manage personal needs independently.



At home, you could help me set myself personal goals like supporting me to prepare tea and wash up.



Thursday 15th May

We will be sharing stories and singing songs at Langold Library from
1.30pm-2.30pm.



Virtual Learning Gallery

W/C 19th May

Bumble Bee Class and Honey Bee Class will be creating a virtual learning gallery to share with our family at home. This gallery will feature videos of us sharing interesting facts we have learnt about bugs, videos of us explaining and showing our findings from scientific investigations and photographs of our artwork created throughout the half-term.

Orienteering Event

Tuesday 22nd April 2025

Bumble Bee Class and Honey Bee Class will be putting our map reading skills to the test searching for bugs hidden around the school playground.



Recommended Reads

- Aaarrrgghhh Spider! by Lydia Monks
- Billy's Beetle by Mick Inkpen
- Crunching Munching Caterpillar by Sheridan Cain & Jack Tickle
- Mad About Minibeasts! by Giles Andreae
- Norman, the Slug with the Silly Shell by Sue Hendra
- Superworm by Julia Donaldson
- The Bad-Tempered Ladybird by Eric Carle
- The Big Book of Bugs by Yuval Zommer
- The Bumblebear by Nadia Shireen
- The Teeny Weeny Tadpole by Sheridan Cain
- The Very Busy Spider by Eric Carle
- The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
- The Very Lazy Ladybird by Isobel Finn
- The Very Lonely Firefly by Eric Carle
- The Very Quiet Cricket by Eric Carle
- Walter's Wonderful Web by Tim Hopgood
- What The Ladybird Heard by Julia Donaldson
- Yucky Worms by Vivian French & Jessica Ahlberg

