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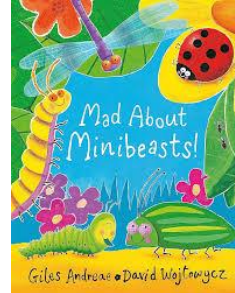
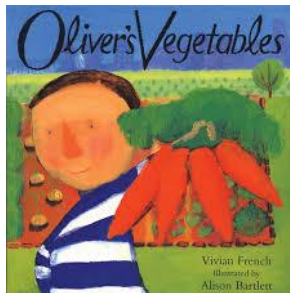
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Dear Parents and Carers

## Our Topic this half term is 'What's in the Garden?'

Our new Topic this half term is 'What's in the Garden?' In our Topic work, we are going to be learning all about minibeasts and their life cycles. We will also be finding out what fruits and vegetables grow in our own garden, as well as having a go at growing some of our own.

In Literacy, we will be reading some fiction and non-fiction books, including Oliver's Vegetables, Mad about Minibeasts and The Big Book of Bugs. We will be continuing with our Little Wandle phonics and sending home rhymes each week. We will also continue to send home the letter formation sheet and formation phrase for the phoneme we have learnt that week, and also pictures of animals to play Bertha's Bus. Remember, if your child wants to, they can bring their homework back into class to share with their friends. All homework is completely voluntary and should only be completed if you feel your child is ready to have a go.

For new parents, it is worth having a look at the parent's page on the Little Wandle website, especially at the videos demonstrating how to pronounce the phonemes (see Reception Autumn 1 and 2, which covers all of the sounds we introduce in Nursery) and also the videos that match some of the Nursery Rhymes that we will be sending home:

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/#tabnametabSupportForPhonics>

In Mathematics we will be learning about 2D and 3D shapes, and learning how to describe and name them. We will also be looking at different patterns, trying to work out how to copy a pattern and also how to spot mistakes. We will continue to practise saying number names in order to 10 and beyond, as well as counting out sets to 10 and having a go at writing some numerals to match. When we are ready, we are going to use our numbers to solve some simple maths problems, including finding 1 more and 1 less than a number.

Just a few reminders please:

- Forest school continues to be on a Tuesday morning - please make sure wellies are already in school, and you can also send a puddle suit if you choose too (although hopefully we won't need these as the weather will hopefully be warmer and drier).
- PE is on a Thursday morning - please send your child to school wearing blue/ black shorts or joggers, white t-shirt and a dark hoodie or jumper please. If the weather allows, we are hoping to do some PE sessions outside in the Summer Term. Your child can wear trainers, but NO LACES please. Alternatively, your child can use their school shoes.
- Library is on a Wednesday - if your child doesn't attend on a Wednesday, please still send your child's plastic library folder and book, and we will change it on a day when your child is in Nursery. We use the library bag to send home letters etc so it's important to remember to send this in please.
- Please label ALL items of clothing - uniform, PE kit, coats, wellies etc and make sure that your child has a spare change of clothes in a bag
- Tuck money remains at 30p a day - please send in a purse or envelope. Please feel free to pay in advance if it's easier.

We will be sending out two new pictures this week, so that you can share something that your child has learnt (spider) and something that your child is learning to do (snail). Please do complete and return these to Nursery, as the children love to share them with their friends. We will display these in the cloakroom.

Also, please remember to check on Tapestry to find out what we have been busy learning about in Nursery. Don't forget to like our posts to let us know you have seen them. Sometimes we also add reminders or messages, so it's definitely worth checking. Please also use Tapestry to share pictures or videos of things that your child has done at home.

We are looking forward to another fun-filled half term, and we are also excited to be welcoming more new friends to Nursery.

Thanks for your ongoing help and support,  
The Nursery Team

