

### Communication and Language

The children will learn new vocabulary associated with our topic and they will explore the meaning of new non-fiction words. They will learn about question words and practise asking questions using who, what, when, how and why.

The children will be encouraged to listen to and identify rhyming words.

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The children will practise maintaining good hygiene after working outdoors. Minibeast stories will be explored to help them to express their own feelings and consider the feelings of others. They will learn how to identify and modify their own feelings referring to the zones of regulation.

### Physical Development

The children will explore different outdoor terrains and take part in outdoor explorations. They will handle scientific equipment such as bug observers, magnifying glasses and digging tools. Fine motor activities such as cutting skills, play dough moulding, threading and letter formation will continue to be a part of our daily routine and children will build on their gross motor skills in PE lessons.

## **Willow Class – Spring Term 2**

# **Why does a ladybird have spots?**

### At Home

Please continue to read at home every night with your child. This could be sharing a library book or reading their class book.

You could learn about your child's favourite minibeast with them. Practise counting verbally and physically.

Finally, complete the home learning task issued on Fridays on the week that they bring home a game, please record a short comment. Photos of any learning experiences on Tapestry are always welcome and the children enjoy sharing these in class.

### Understanding the World

The children will talk about similarities and differences between living things. They will investigate their own outdoor environment to find minibests and to look for the seasonal changes that Spring brings.

They will make observations of animals and plants and will talk about what they notice.

### Expressive Arts and Design

Children will sing songs, and learn rhymes. They will make music and dances and experiment with ways of changing them. In Art, they will learn about Matisse and create their own snail collages. They will design and create bug hotels.

### Literacy

In our Literacy lessons, we will be exploring non-fiction books and the children will develop their confidence in asking and answering questions. They will solve riddles about minibests as well as creating their own!

We will continue to practise our storytelling skills by reading and acting out traditional tales such as 'The Enormous Turnip' and 'Chicken Licken'.

In phonics, nursery will continue to recognise single letter sounds and listen out for the sounds in words, beginning to sort words by their initial sound.

In reception, we will read and write words with digraphs (two letters that make one sound).

We will develop our sentence writing using our phonetic and tricky word knowledge.

### Maths

Children will count reliably with numbers from one to twenty, place them in order and say which number is one more or one less than a given number. Using objects and jottings they will explore how numbers are made up of smaller numbers. They will learn to add and subtract two small numbers together and begin to learn number bonds to 5 and to 10. They will learn to recognise and describe some 3D shapes and to spot, copy and create repeating patterns.