

## Little Learners Pre-School

Summer 1, 2022

Topic: Minibeasts

Welcome to 'Little Learners' Pre-school.

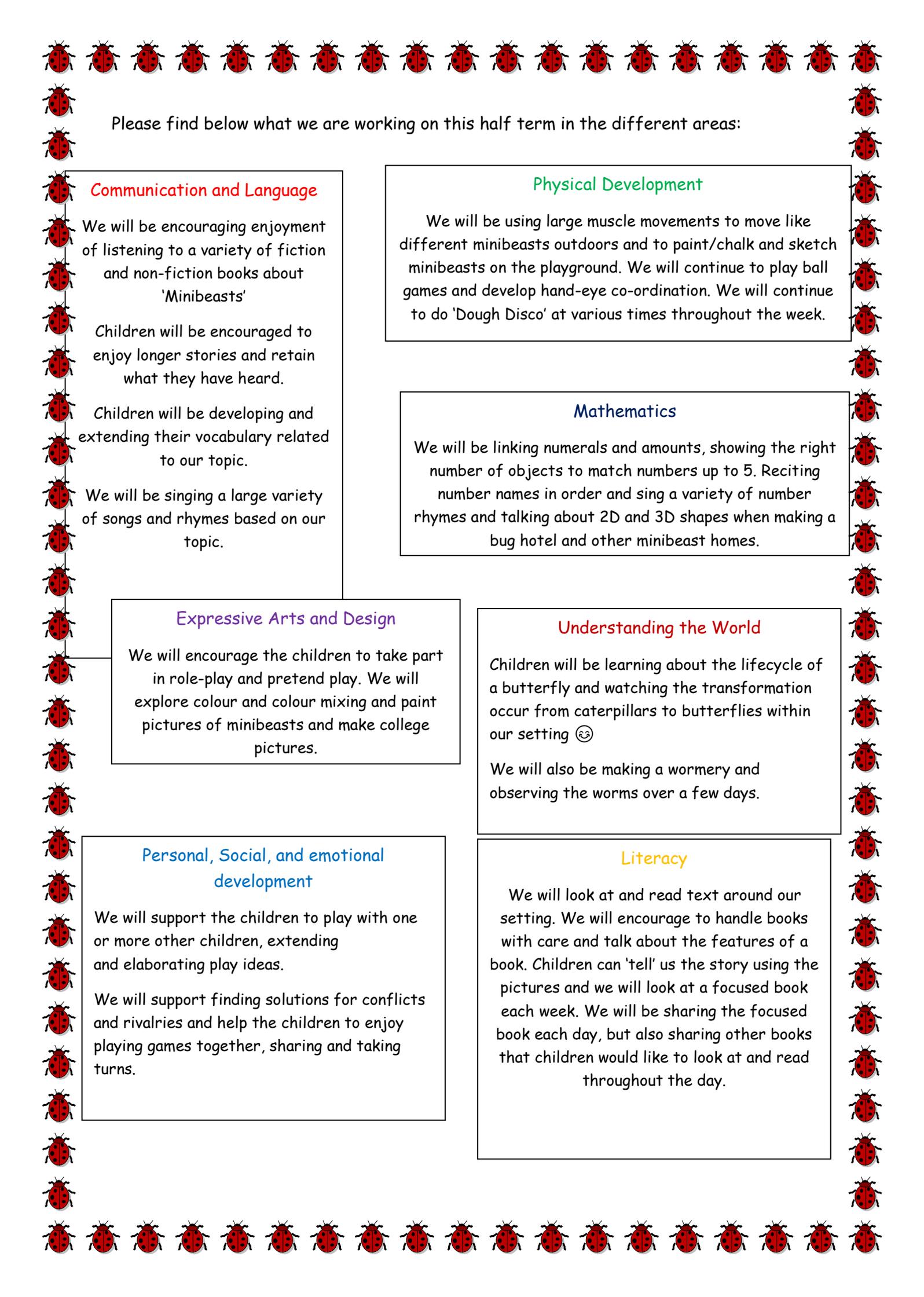
Your child is in the EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage) which sets standards for learning, development and care of your children right from when they are born until their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday. There are 7 areas of learning and development within the EYFS. The prime areas are Communication and Language, Physical Development and Personal, Social and Emotional Development. The specific areas are Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding the world and Expressive Arts and Design. Activities and programmes will be designed around these areas and some activities will be working with an adult and some will be independent, or child initiated.

The EYFS team at present, consists of 2 full-time members of staff: Miss Lee, (Pre-School and Key Stage 1 Class Teacher) and Mrs Murtagh, (Pre-School and Key Stage 1 Teaching Assistant). We have warmly welcomed Mrs Turner, who recently joined us last half term. Mrs Turner works all day Monday and Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

Your child will be very happy and settled in our warm, caring and nurturing environment. Please don't hesitate to contact one of us if you have any queries or concerns, no matter how small.

This half term our topic is 'Minibeasts'. If you would like to contribute to our topic in any way, please let us know and we will try and accommodate you.

Your child will come home with a library book each Monday. This is a book that they have chosen to share at home, so please read it to your child and ask them to talk about the story, what is happening and discuss the pictures etc. Your child may choose a new book each Monday, providing theirs has been returned. Reading to your child is very important as you are introducing them to many new words, therefore extending their vocabulary and instilling a love of story time books. Snack and milk are provided daily each morning. WOW moments are given out for you to complete as and when you feel appropriate. You may choose to give your child a WOW moment if they are starting to toilet train, learning to ride a trike or helping to get dressed etc. They may then bring their WOW moment into Pre-school to share with the adults and other children. We have a WOW moments board where they will be displayed.



Please find below what we are working on this half term in the different areas:

### Communication and Language

We will be encouraging enjoyment of listening to a variety of fiction and non-fiction books about 'Minibeasts'

Children will be encouraged to enjoy longer stories and retain what they have heard.

Children will be developing and extending their vocabulary related to our topic.

We will be singing a large variety of songs and rhymes based on our topic.

### Physical Development

We will be using large muscle movements to move like different minibeasts outdoors and to paint/chalk and sketch minibeasts on the playground. We will continue to play ball games and develop hand-eye co-ordination. We will continue to do 'Dough Disco' at various times throughout the week.

### Mathematics

We will be linking numerals and amounts, showing the right number of objects to match numbers up to 5. Reciting number names in order and sing a variety of number rhymes and talking about 2D and 3D shapes when making a bug hotel and other minibeast homes.

### Expressive Arts and Design

We will encourage the children to take part in role-play and pretend play. We will explore colour and colour mixing and paint pictures of minibeasts and make collage pictures.

### Understanding the World

Children will be learning about the lifecycle of a butterfly and watching the transformation occur from caterpillars to butterflies within our setting 😊

We will also be making a wormery and observing the worms over a few days.

### Personal, Social, and emotional development

We will support the children to play with one or more other children, extending and elaborating play ideas.

We will support finding solutions for conflicts and rivalries and help the children to enjoy playing games together, sharing and taking turns.

### Literacy

We will look at and read text around our setting. We will encourage to handle books with care and talk about the features of a book. Children can 'tell' us the story using the pictures and we will look at a focused book each week. We will be sharing the focused book each day, but also sharing other books that children would like to look at and read throughout the day.