



Howden Church Of England Infant School
Foundation Stage Two
Summer term 2 2021

This term we are learning about ...

Minibeasts



The foundation stage framework is a unique curriculum where children are encouraged to explore the world around them through active learning and play based experiences both indoors and outdoors. If your child comes home and says they have been "just playing" you know that they have been having fun and learning.

The curriculum has three prime areas (Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Physical Development and Communication and Language) and four specific areas (Mathematics, Literacy, Understanding the World and Expressive Arts and Design)

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

In this final term, we will be encouraging the children to work as independently as possible, including sorting out their own bags, jumpers/ cardigans, bottles etc.

We will be discussing and preparing the children for transition to Year 1. The children will be encouraged to, not only have a better understanding of their own emotions, but to also realise the impact their behaviour has on others and how we can show kindness and respect to everyone.

Independent challenge

Can you describe and recognise a range of emotions?

Can you talk about changes that happen as you grow up?

Communication and Language

This term we want children to talk confidently in small and larger groups, using tenses correctly. We also encourage good listening, responding appropriately to what others are saying.

Independent challenges

Can you recount a recent past event?

Can you describe what you will do next weekend?

Can you follow instructions with more than 1 part to them?



Physical Development

This term, we will be continuing to practise our ball skills and playing simple games in small groups. We will be practising forming letters and numerals correctly using a pencil and a tripod grip and sitting our writing on a line.

As the weather gets warmer, we will be able to play on the field and use a wider range of PE equipment e.g. hoops, cones, bean bags, hockey sticks and the parachute!

Independent challenges

Can you hop and skip?

Can you talk about ways we can stay safe in the sun?



As our phonics sessions continue we will be improving our reading and writing skills by practising blending and segmenting captions and sentences. We will be consolidating phase 3 / 4 and children will become more confident applying digraphs within words when they read and write as well as recognising the tricky words. We will continue to practise letter formations including naming the capital letter as well as the phoneme. We will be sending home letter formation sheets for you to support their practise with this. We will be sharing a range of books and talking about the differences between stories and information books.

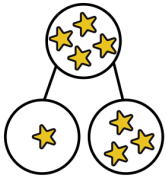
Independent challenges

Can you form all your letters correctly?

How can you tell the difference between a story or an information book?

Can you read and write ALL the tricky words?

Can you write a sentence with a capital letter at the start and to end in a full stop?



Mathematics

In mathematics we will continue counting, sequencing and recognising the numbers to 20 and count in 2's, 5's and 10's. We will build upon the last term's work of practically adding and subtracting and working on recording number sentences with 2 digit numbers. We will introduce halving and doubling practically. We will be looking at time and sequencing simple events in the day. We will practise writing numbers with correct formation and remember the number formation rhymes.

Independent challenges

Can you recognise and write numbers to 20 correctly?

Can you add and subtract practically?

Can you recite the months of the year in order and remember when your birthday is?



Understanding the World

We will be learning about minibeasts and their habitat. We will think about materials and recycling, as well as other ways we can care for our environment.

We will also contrast our environment with another locality, through the story of Handa's Surprise.

We will also be investigating scientific concepts e.g. floating and sinking, making shadows.

We will be thinking about the Bible story of Noah's Ark.

Independent challenges

Can you retell the story of Noah's Ark and the name of the special book we read it from?

Can you describe scientific concepts as you explore?



Expressive Arts and Design

This term we will be painting detailed pictures of minibeasts. We will be singing and playing percussion instruments as a group. We will be making 3D models of minibeasts, thinking about the shapes and textures.

Independent challenges

Can you make a 3D model?

Can you sing and play an instrument at the same time?



Parent Partnership

Please can you ensure that your child brings their reading book / word wall folder to school daily. Keep an eye on Google Classroom for our Reading Challenge, as well as other updates.

Thank you,

Mrs McCarthy and Miss Luckins