

## **PSED**

This half term, the children will be getting to know one another and building new friendships in a warm and supportive environment. We will be encouraging positive behaviours by modelling kindness, using gentle hands and words, and supporting children to take turns and play cooperatively.

## **Literacy**

The focus text is 'The minibeast bop'. We will be using this text to introduce them to other minibeasts. We will also be reading *Aaah Spider*, *Superworm*, *What the ladybeard heard* and *Norman the slug with the silly shell*. We will also be sharing a selection of non-fiction texts all about minibeasts.

In phonics, we are focusing on Instrumental sounds and clapping the syllables in words.

## **Understanding the Wing orld**

We will be learning all about different minibeasts. We will take advantage of the nicer weather and explore our outdoor area for any minibeasts. The children will be going on a minibeast hunt. We will be thinking about the different habitats that they live in and how they are affected by the seasons.

## **Maths**

Over this half term, our main focus will be counting. We will encourage the children to join in with rote counting and number rhymes.

We will also be modelling counting of objects and counting actions and movements.

## **Communication and Language**

We will be focusing on the children's listening and attention skills, exposing them to a number of different simple stories and asking the children questions about what has been read. We will be building the children's confidence in order for them to speak in a small group. We will be encouraging the children to say their name and begin to make choices verbally.



## **Rising Threes Understanding Our World – Minibeasts**

## **Music**

*Nursery Rhymes* – We will be immersing the children in a variety of different *Nursery Rhymes*. We will be encouraging the children to join in with these rhymes and to use the actions. We know that singing *Nursery Rhymes* is closely linked to improvements with speech and language.

## **Physical Development**

We will be introducing the children to a number of different programs in order to improve the children fine and gross motor skills. We will introducing 'Dough Disco'. This is a fun activity completed by the children to music. The children have play dough and use their fingers to manipulate the dough. This helps to strengthen the children's fingers, in preparation for writing. We will also be introducing 'Squiggle whilst you wiggle'. This program half to improve the children's gross motor with big movements.

## **Expressive Arts and Design**

This half term we will be introducing the children to paint. We will be doing this adult led first and building up to the children accessing this within the provision.

We will be painting different minibeasts.