

Key Texts:

Our stories/texts this term will be in line with our theme of carnivals.

- Fiction – Oliver's Vegetables
- Poetry – Mad about Mini-beasts
- Non-Fiction – Original Explorers Mini-beasts by Twinkl

Literacy and Phonics:

Phonics – It has been lovely seeing Penguin class engage so well with their phonics this past term. We look forward to continuing this with learning at a range of levels based around our Read Write Inc Scheme.

Literacy- We will be reading the stories mentioned above based on our theme. Each story will involve a sensory experience with associated props! We are especially looking forward to "Mad about Minibeasts" and associated garden activities. We will then be taking part in immersion and imitation tasks to demonstrate our comprehension of the story. Pupils will also engage in mark making, copying/tracing keywords from the story, developing their tripod grip, describing what is happening in a photograph from the story using Colourful Semantics and retelling the story through answering questions.

Problem Solving and Reasoning:

Our primary focus in maths this term will be measure – comparing measure, and time. Within this we will spend time on length, weight and capacity in turn followed by considering the concept of time and simple clock work.

Aside from measure we will also be touching on ordinal numbers, money and geometry - position and direction. This ties in wonderfully with our highlight events this term as we think about races for sports day in and out of class for our positional vocabulary, and explore money out and about in the community and at our South Oxfordshire Adventure Playground trip. Geometry – Position and Direction is something that we worked on last term. We will be consolidating our learning on this this term.

In the Garden: My School Allotment

Penguin Class



How you can help at home:

- Why not grow some seeds together? This could simply be cress or broad beans in the kitchen or even more out in the garden. What do the seeds need to grow? Can you compare what happens to seeds with/without light or water?
- Please support our maths learning with work on time, money or measure. Perhaps you could time different activities to see how long they take? Alternatively, you could practise reading clocks to the nearest hour.
- Please continue to read with your young people at home. There are Read Write Inc. related resources accessible online at 'Oxford Owl'. You can use this website to access ditties, books and sound/blending challenges relevant to your young person. Let us know in the home-school diary if you would like further input on this.

Other Curriculum areas:

In **theme** this term we are exploring everything 'garden'. We will use visits to our 'Nature-Nook' to hunt for mini-beasts, make bug hotels, investigate frogspawn and grow seeds. We will also consider features of different buildings in our local community.

In **science** we will be exploring and investigating the features of different animals and insects and what things they need to survive or where they like to live.

Our **PSHE** focus is "The World I Live In". Within this, pupils will explore similarities and differences between themselves and others within their community.

In **careers** we will focus on 'volunteering' Pupils will have opportunities to explore different ways to support our local community such as litter picking, gardening and making thank-you cards for others.

In **art** we will be learning about Jackson Pollock and his work. We will have opportunities to create our own work just like his and will be reflecting/evaluating and communicating about our work.

In **P.E.** we will be preparing for Sports Day. Pupils will be undertaking a range of athletic tasks and challenges matching this

in **D&T** this term we will have a cooking focus. Pupils will have the opportunity to make clear choices and adapt their creations accordingly.

Highlights:

- **Party in the Park (at school!)**
- **Tadpoles and gardening in the 'Nature Nook'**
- **Monday 15th June - Sports Day**
- **Tuesday 30th June - South Oxfordshire Adventure Playground**
- **Wednesday 8th July – Parent Consultations**
- **Tuesday 14th July - Colour Run & Produce competition**