

# Kerr Mackie Primary School

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Classes: Nursery (Beech & Pine)  
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Term: Summer 1      Topic: Can you keep a mini beast as a pet?



## Personal, Social & Emotional

In this half term we will be supporting the children to talk about their similarities and differences to other people. We will encourage them to talk about their friends, likes and dislikes during circle time activities.

Every Monday we share our weekend 'news' in our key groups. The children learn to take turns sharing their news and will begin to develop their confidence in talking in a small group and listening to other children. Please talk to your child before school on a Monday about your weekend activities to help them to tell their news.

Please let us know if there has been a special event in your family that your child would like to share.

You can also add photographs and notes to your child's learning journey on Tapestry to share special events.



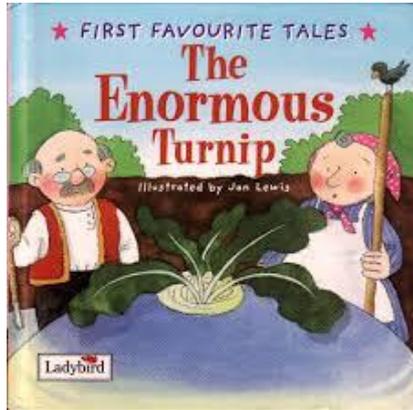
## Communication, Language & Literacy

This half term we will be asking 'Can you keep a mini beast as a pet?'

The children will learn about mini beasts and develop their confidence to explain their knowledge and understanding to their friends.

The children will have lots of opportunities to write in the different areas of provision. They will be encouraged to trace and copy their name on special writing paper.

In Phonics we will be continuing Phase 2 of Letters and Sounds, a structured Phonic Programme. The children will practise good sitting and listening skills in small groups. We will practise the sounds we have been learning - s, a, t, p, i, n, m, d, g, o, c, k, ck, e, u, r, h, b, f. We will listen carefully to the sounds in different words by asking the children to find different pictures and objects by



sounding them out, for example "can you find the c - u - p?" We will support the children to form letters correctly using handwriting phrases.

Children will learn to tell stories using a programme called 'Talk for Writing'. They will tell a story daily using actions. The story which will be introduced this half term is *The Enormous Turnip*.

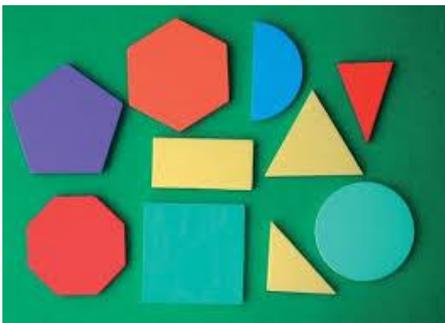
### Mathematics

This half term in Numbers we will continue to:

- Recite numbers in order to 10 and beyond.
- Count a small group of objects, pointing carefully at each one.
- Select a small number of objects when asked, for example "Can you find 4 butterflies?"
- Notice numbers in the environment.
- Begin to order numbers.

In Shape, Space and Measures we will continue to:

- Select a particular named 2D shape.
- Use the language of shape and size.
- Begin to describe animal patterns.



### Understanding the World



In this area we will be looking carefully at the changes in our outdoor environment and will be searching for mini beasts. The children will learn about different mini beasts and will be learning where different mini beasts live.

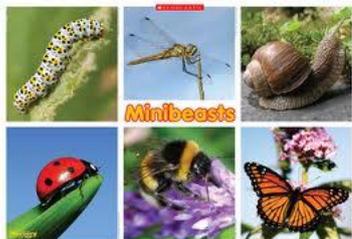
As part of our mini beast topic we will go on mini beast hunts and will have a very exciting visit from a mini beast roadshow!

We will also look at growing plants and flowers and will be talking about how to look after them.

In technology we will be using the iPads to draw pictures, take photographs and access different educational apps.

## Expressive Arts and Design

Children will be encouraged to express themselves using a range of different materials. Children will have the opportunity to create pictures and models using materials in 2D and 3D forms.



As part of our mini beast topic we will look at different mini beasts and the children will be encouraged to make and build models of mini beasts on the workshop table. The children will

also look closely at mini beasts using magnifying glasses and will make observational drawings.

They will be encouraged to engage in imaginative role-play based on their own first hand experiences and using the garden role play area.

## Physical Development

Children will be encouraged to use the outdoor equipment and build elaborate obstacle courses.

We will dance and move in different ways, pretending to be mini beasts.

We will continue to support children to develop their pencil grip and use mark making tools with control.

Every morning as part of our daily routine the children will write their name and we will support them to form their letters correctly.

## Nursery Routines

### Morning Nursery - Beech class

Doors open at 8:45am and will be closed at 9:00am. Any children arriving after this time will need to be signed in at the School Office. At the end of the session doors are opened at 11:35 and all children must be picked up promptly by 11:45.

### Afternoon Nursery - Pine class

Doors open at 12:15pm and will be closed at 12:30pm. Any children arriving after this time will need to be signed in at the School Office. At the end of the session doors are opened at 03:05pm and all children must be picked up promptly by 03:15pm

Every Friday the children to choose a book to take home. Please return your child's book by the following Friday so that we can change them on the Friday.

If your child has made something special at home please let us know and we can display their learning in our gallery display in the cloakroom.

As we recognise the importance of outdoor learning, children will spend part of most days outside. It is therefore **very important that children come to school in a waterproof, warm coat and sensible shoes**. It is also recommended that children keep wellington boots in school to use on those rainy days. Please label coats and wellington boots.

Thank you for your support,

