

BISHOPS LYDEARD CHURCH SCHOOL NURSERY

Termly Newsletter

Summer Term 1 2024



This term our topic is 'Let's Explore!'



At the beginning of term we will be learning about minibeasts. We will name, sort, describe and talk about life cycles. We will explore outside and go on a minibeast hunt. The children will be learning about how to look after living things, including where minibeasts like to live. In week 3 & 4 we will be learning about tadpoles and frogs and later in the term, farm animals. We will practise physical skills by jumping, hopping, crawling, leaping, and sliding like different animals. The children will also sing songs about minibeasts and other creatures and move in time to music.

Mathematics: The children will be learning how to copy and continue simple repeating patterns as well as recognising symmetrical patterns on butterfly wings. They will learn to sequence the days of the week and say them in order. We will



continue to practise subitising (recognising the amount without needing to count) using ladybird spots and animal legs. They will also count by rote to 10 and beyond. The children will sort animals using different criteria, for example farm animals/wild animals.

How you can help your child: Continue to practise recognising small groups of objects (up to 3 or 4) without needing to count. Go on a number hunt around your home or when shopping – how many numbers can you find and what do they signify e.g. speed limit, temperature, time.

Literacy: We will be reading lots of stories about animals including The Hungry Caterpillar, Lazy Ladybird and Over on the Farm. We will also be looking at information books to find out more about minibeasts and farm animals.

How can you help your child: Encourage your child to find print in the environment and explain that the words have a purpose – they might tell us what to do or give us information. Encourage your child to make up stories perhaps using puppets or toys as characters.

Phonics: The children starting school in September will be learning letter sounds using the Read Write Inc scheme. A separate letter will give more details and suggestions about how you can help your child.

From the Nursery Team