

## Our Learning Newsletter: Summer 1

 <h3>Communication and Language</h3> 	 <h3>Physical Development</h3> 
<p><b>In school we are learning:</b> To take turns and learn each other's' names, gaining their attention by using their name. We are singing 'Who's in the bag?' at circle time and learning basic Makaton signs such as 'hello', 'more' and 'finished'.</p> <p><b>Home learning opportunities:</b> Can you play a highly motivating game or activity with your child, pause and see if they can sign 'more'. Model it as much as you can!</p>	<p><b>In school we are learning:</b> To take part in finger and action rhymes, imitating movements. We are kicking and throwing balls.</p> <p><b>Home learning opportunities:</b> Listen to nursery rhymes together (see list) and practise the signs and actions together. Can you play ball / catch and support your child to hold out their hands, palms upwards.</p>
 <h3>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</h3> 	 <h3>Understanding the World</h3> 
<p><b>In school we are learning:</b> To understand basic words and signs such as 'dinner' and 'snack'. We are playing with blocks, building and knocking down together. Can we invite others to join us in play?</p> <p><b>Home learning opportunities:</b> Can you sit together in a small group playing with building blocks, building towers and knocking them down? Can you help support your child to take turns with you, and / or a small group?</p>	<p><b>In school we are learning:</b> To explore the natural environment – especially this term looking for minibeasts! We are looking very closely at flowers, sticks and leaves we find outside, and experiencing different weathers.</p> <p><b>Home learning opportunities:</b> Can you go outside and look for small creatures? Send photos in to show everyone ☺</p>
 <h3>Literacy</h3> 	 <h3>Mathematics</h3> 
<p><b>In school we are learning:</b> To make marks on lots of different surfaces such as sand and gloop, and we are reading the story 'Mad about Minibeasts' using sensory props. We are learning different phase 1 phonics songs and rhymes and clapping our hands along to them.</p> <p><b>Home learning opportunities:</b> Can you listen to or read the story '<b>Mad about Minibeasts</b>'? Can you pretend to be some of the minibeasts, and learn the makaton sign for it?</p>	<p><b>In school we are learning:</b> To count to 5 or 10 using blocks, pebbles, leaves etc. We are noticing numerals in the environment around us. We are learning to use Inset puzzles. We are exploring the space around us and engaging with position and direction, such as pointing to where they would like to go.</p> <p><b>Home learning opportunities:</b> Can you help point out numbers when you go to the shops and out for a walk? Can you help your child with an inset puzzle?</p>



## Expressive Arts and Design



In school we are learning:

To make sounds using various musical instruments, including the piano. We are being imaginative and expressive by creating the sound of a car or animal we may hear. We are combining colours using paint, and getting our hands into sand, glue and gloop.

Home learning opportunities:

Can you help your child to make gloop using cornflour and water? Encourage them to put their hands in and mix it. Then show them how to swirl their hands to make marks. Play favourite songs at home, dancing together and singing and clapping!

## Useful Websites/Apps

Some of these may require login information. Please speak to your class teacher or child's key worker for details.

Mr Tumble's Makaton - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=flXsU4V0zz>

Mad about Minibeasts read aloud - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l7aHxEsdFQ>

Singing Hands website – Fantastic songs for children all incorporating Makaton Signing

BBC Teach – Tiny Happy People – to help you develop your child's communication skills through simple interaction and play.

BBC Teach Nursery Rhymes – We use lots of these in class daily.

Phonics Play.co.uk – Phase One Interactive Resources

Purple Mash computing website

## Class Reminders

Please ensure that you have sent in sun cream for your child (and a hat if they will tolerate it!)

Swimming will take place on Thursday mornings. Please ensure your child has their swimming bag in School at all times – we aim for your child to swim approximately every 3 weeks for the rest of the School year. We will let you know the day before, although sometimes things can change on the day due to the pool being closed occasionally or staffing issues!

Please do upload to **TAPESTRY** any photos of your child completing any of these activities, and / or your child having fun!