

PE and Physical Activity

Reception will be exploring striking and fielding activities in their PE lessons.

We will be looking at different ways to strike various objects as well as focusing on creating plans working in small teams.

All children will start practising some of the skills needed to be successful in a school sports day including what it means to be a good sportsman.



Communication & Language

Nursery children will be able to express a point of view and to discuss when they disagree with an adult or a friend. They will listen carefully when given 1 and 2 part instructions.

Through discussions and class debates reception children will articulate their ideas and thoughts in well-formed sentences. Children will use talk to organise, sequence and clarify thinking, ideas, feelings and events.



Come Fly With Me - Mini Beasts

Literacy

Nursery children will begin exploring initial sounds and oral blending. They will do this through lots of interactive games and small group work.

Children in Reception will move onto Phase 4 (adjacent consonants). We now have a solid foundation of phase 2 and 3 phonics. All children in EYFS will be reading stories about some of our favourite mini beasts such as "The Hungry Caterpillar" and many more.

Expressive Arts & Design

Both Nursery and Reception will be using mini beasts as our inspiration for art. We will be drawing, painting and sketching our own interpretations of mini beasts.

We will also explore and use a variety of artistic effects to express their ideas and feelings. The children will be challenged to add and enhance their designs, considering how to make it better. Children will explore the artwork of both Henri Matisse and Andy Goldsworthy.



Understanding of the World

As part of our 'Come Fly with Me' theme we will be exploring lots of animal life cycles and using some scientific language. We will also be putting on our wellies and overalls to plant some new plants in our EYFS outdoor area ready for summer. We cannot wait to see some plants growing!

We will be exploring animals in different countries and how this is different to animals in Tadcaster. We will also be looking at what Maps and exploring why some places are different to others and the causes.



Music

As part of our 'Come Fly with Me' theme, we will be listening to 'Flight of the Bumblebee' by Rimsky-Korsakov and 'The Grasshopper's Dance' by Bucalossi. We will be singing minibeast songs such as 'There's a tiny caterpillar on a leaf' and 'Little Arabella Miller'. We will be using instruments to compose a whole class minibeast piece ready to perform to a wider audience.

Maths

Children in Nursery will still be singing lots of number songs. We will also begin to look at combining two groups of objects as well as finding 1 more/1 less than numbers to 5.

In Reception children will be counting to 20 and beyond 20. We will begin to look at numerical patterns and use this information to help us problem solve. We will also look at sharing, halving, doubling and number bonds. Children in reception will also start to explore 3D shapes and the differences between 2D and 3D.