

Dear Parents/Guardians of YR children,

This term the children have learnt about various farm animals enhanced by our fantastic trip to Hatton World of Adventure – it really added to the children's learning. Thank you to those parents who contributed to cost of the trip which enabled it to go ahead – it was much appreciated – it would have been a shame if we had had to cancel this.

The children in each class have chosen their own topics for the remainder of the term: R1 – pirates; R2 – seaside; R3 – castles and armies.

After May half term our teacher led topics will be Minibeasts and another one of the children's choosing.

As part of our enrichment programme we have arranged a workshop from Gribbly Bugs on 12th June – more information to follow.

You can help your children with their topic work by:

- Going on a minibeast hunt in the garden/around the local area.
- Talking about growing and changes in plants.
- Reading age appropriate stories about the topics.
- Researching information on any topics they would like to learn about (using books or a computer – be aware of on-line safety).
- Finding out about different countries and their cultures.

We would again emphasise the importance of hearing your child read at home. Please ask them a range of questions about the books they read.

In September, the children will be moving into Year 1, where there will be a more structured learning environment. Some children find this a difficult move, as there are far fewer opportunities for free choice activities. We will be gradually moving towards a more formal way of learning this term in order to help prepare the children for the changes. With your help and support they will soon settle into the new routine with the Y1 teachers. The children will be spend a day in their new classroom on 27th June.

Thank you for all the support you have given to your child and the school over the past year, it is much appreciated.

Reception teachers



**Growing
Minibeasts
Children's
Chosen Topic**

Knowledge & Understanding

Butterfly life cycle
Planting and growing flowers/veg/fruit
ICT – Type with Tizzy
Early Years Maths Pack
Simple City
Bee Bots

Magnets
Outdoor features of environment

Literacy

News writing
Phonics
Story re-tells
Independent writing using phonic
knowledge
Acting out stories/role play
Character descriptions
Non-fiction writing

Books

Hungry Caterpillar
Mad About Minibeasts
What the Ladybird Heard
The Crunching Munching
Caterpillar

Creative

Music
Painting
Colour mixing
Junk modelling
Collage
Dough
Using different painting tools,
e.g. thinner paint brushes and cotton
buds

Number

Addition/subtraction/cubes/jottings/mo
re/ less
Time: day/night
Capacity
Counting in 1's, 2's, 5's, and 10's
Problem solving
Money – recognising coins
Doubling
Halving
Sharing
Repeating patterns
Distance

PSED

News sharing
Keeping safe
Stranger Danger
Summer Fever

Physical

Games – throwing/catching
bean bags, balls, quoits
Cutting
Ball control
Racing