

2 Year Old Preschool Summer 2

This term we will go exploring outdoor in search of minibeasts. What better place to do this at Portway Forest garden.

Did you know that minibeasts do not have back bone? Instead, some, like **insects** and spiders, have a hard shell (exoskeleton), and some have soft bodies, like worms or slugs.

Minibeasts eat all sorts of things. Lots of **minibeasts eat** plants and many flying **insects** feed on nectar from flowers.

We will take lots of photos to share with you.

This term we will be learning... Minibeasts

We will investigate minibeasts, looking at where they live and what they eat. We will explore the outdoor classroom as part of their learning experience.



Key Information

Please remember to leave a 'stay at school' change of clothes bag. Items that can be included: jumpers, trousers, underwear and socks. As well as spare shoes or wellies. Children love to jump in the puddles. Please also ensure your bag is topped up with nappies and wipes.

Please can you also send a water bottle with your child's name on it for them to drink water at school.

Parents please encourage your child toileting at home to keep the consistency with preschool toilet routine.

If you have an old t-shirt that is bigger than your child, can you please send it in for messy play and painting.

Help us to celebrate your child's achievements... Please send in pictures to help us celebrate your child's learning from home.

Prime: Prime areas are fundamental, work together, and move through to support development in all other areas.

Personal, Social, Emotional Development:

Notice and ask questions about differences, such as skin colour, types of hair, gender, special needs and disabilities, religion and so on. Be open to what children say about differences and answer their questions straightforwardly. Help children develop positive attitudes towards diversity and inclusion. Help all children to feel that they are valued, and they belong.

Communication & Language:

2 Year olds generally focus on an activity of their own choice and find it difficult to be directed by an adult. Help toddlers and young children to focus their attention by using their name: "Fatima, put your coat on". 2 Year olds can listen to other people's talk with interest but can easily be distracted by other things. You can help toddlers and young children listen and pay attention by using gestures like pointing and facial expressions.

Physical Development:

Enjoy starting to kick, throw and catch balls. Build independence with a range of appropriate resources. Offer outdoor play every day for at least 45 minutes. Include lots of opportunities for children to move freely and explore their surroundings like a slope, the tunnel, Forest, sandpit, water play and the mud kitchen.

Specific: English

We will be doing a lot of repetition, rhythm and rhyme by reciting lots of different stories, poems and rhymes from books.

The books we will be reading are;
Flip Flap Mini Beasts - Axel Scheffler, Twist and Hop Mini Beasts Bob by Tony Mitton, Walters Wonderful Web by Tim Hopgood.

Mathematics

We will talk about, make and do patterns. For example folding paper in half. Keep using descriptive words like big and little with objects.

We will share the language about immediate past and future such as 'before', 'later' or 'soon'

You might like to join in with our learning at home by:

Reading: SuperWorm

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Jnk3XApKBg>

Watching: <https://forestschoolassociation.org/what-is-forest-school/>

What you can do

- If you have a garden explore all the bugs and insects outside, or a walk down to the park.
- Read, read, read lot's of picture books.