

## Literacy

The books we will be exploring this half term will all be based around minibeasts and includes 'The very busy spider'. We will be writing captions to describe the life cycle of a butterfly and writing our own minibeasts stories based around a story we have read. We will continue to use our phonic knowledge to read and write.

## Mathematics

We will introduce the concept of doubling to the children, adding the same numbers together  $2+2=4$ . We will look at halving numbers being the same as sharing between two equal groups. We will move on to sharing between 3 and 4, where the children will notice that sometimes there is a number left over. We will use this to make links to odd and even numbers. We will be looking at measurements including length, height and weight using practical equipment and making comparisons.

## Physical Development

In P.E. our focus will be outdoor games and athletic skills. We will develop our fine motor skills through a range of activities including; threading, playdough and cutting. The children will have access to large equipment outside.

## Communication and Language

We will be able to talk about and share our favourite memories from reception. We will be able to share our feelings about moving to Year 1. We will be able to ask questions about the stories we have read. We will be exploring rhyme.



## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Our value for this half term is courage. We will be looking closely at changes and transitions into Year 1 and how we can be brave with new changes ahead.

## Expressive Arts and Design

**Exploring media and materials:** In our music lessons we will be learning to sing in tune and perform the songs that we have learnt. We will be focusing on observational drawings, looking carefully at different features. We will use our imagination to manipulate materials to create spider webs and our own minibeasts designs out of clay.

**Being imaginative:** We will be exploring different minibeasts and creating our own. We will explore moving like minibeasts during role play time. We will use what we have learnt over the year to create our own minibeasts collages.

## Understanding the World

**The world:** We will be going on a walk around Stony Stratford to spot signs of summer. We will be looking at different types of minibeasts and going on hunts around school and Stony to see if we can find any. We will be looking at their habitats and the lifecycle of a butterfly.

**People and Communities:** We will be looking at the different habitats that can be found around our community.

**Technology:** We will have regular access to tablets and the Interactive whiteboard to access age appropriate software. We will also be learning how to use a computer, logging on and opening up different software.

