

TERM 1

Wriggle and Wonder

A journey of discovery through
minibeasts, nature and early learning.



Our aim is to keep learning fun and exciting for all of the children in Palace Class, therefore sometimes we will adapt and change our plans to suit their needs.



CLL – Communication, Language and Literacy

Throughout the term we will be looking at the following books each week:

- The Hungry Caterpillar
- What the Ladybird heard
- Bumble bear
- Betsy Buglove and the Brave Butterfly
- Room on the Broom



The children will be learning to understand, retell and sequence these stories. As the children begin to learn how to write they will be learning the individual sounds of each letter and beginning to identify which sound they can hear at the start of a word.

Targets: Listen to stories and understand what they have heard, describe the main parts of a story, hear and say the first sounds in words.



PD – Physical Development

As we are lucky enough to have such a big outside area the children will have lots of opportunity to practice moving around and learning how to negotiate the space. They will be learning lots of new songs with actions and also practicing dancing and moving to music. The children will be developing their fine motor skills every morning with activities such as threading and colouring.

Targets: Move around space well when playing racing and chasing games with other children, travel with confidence on balancing and climbing equipment, begin to show control over an object pushing, patting, throwing, catching or kicking it.

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M – Maths

This term we will be focusing on counting objects and recognising numbers. The children will be learning number songs and using numbers during their play. They will be looking at colours and using them to make repeating patterns. During snack time the children will be looking at money and counting in 1ps to buy their fruit.

Targets: Use objects and shapes to make patterns and build models, recognise numbers 1 to 5 then 1 to 10, count up to 10 objects, begin to name shapes and talk about their properties.



UTW – Understanding the World

This term we will be having a visit from Jaws 'n' Claws, who will be bringing in a variety of animals for the children to observe and hold. The children will also be learning about different materials and experimenting how to build shelters for animals to keep them dry. Closer to Halloween, we also hope to take the children pumpkin picking and to explore how they grow.

Targets: ask questions about their familiar world such as the place where they live or the natural world, talk about why things happen or why things work, talk about things they have seen such as plants, animals, natural and found objects.



PSED – Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Starting school can be a big change for some children so our focus this term is settling into the routines and rules in the class. We will be spending time talking about our feelings and helping the children understand that other people may feel differently to them. During the child initiated play children will be encouraged to share toys and play cooperatively in order to make new friends.

Targets: become more confident in their new classroom, understand the class rules.



EAD – Expressive Arts and Design

During the first term at school we will be encouraging the children to explore a variety of different media and materials. They will be using musical instruments to recreate noises from stories and experiment with different sounds. The children will be learning to create models and pictures using the wide range of resources in the classroom. We will also be teaching the children how to use art equipment safely and reminding them to wear an apron!

Targets: Begin to build a collection of songs and dances, explore the different sounds of instruments, build with an idea in mind using different materials, use simple tools safely and appropriately.



Thank you for your support! ❤️

We can't wait for a wonderful term of wiggles, wonders and amazing learning together.

