

Academic Explorers and Active learners

- **Independent Individuals & Fantastic Friends:** We will learn about healthy choices through The Very Hungry Caterpillar. Children will be encouraged to manage their personal needs, especially those children in their last term of preschool and supporting them through transition to Hedgehogs. Focusing on 'Caring' and 'Honesty' as our character virtues, encouraging playing alongside others extending and elaborating play ideas connected to our topics and considering feelings of others. Exploring well-being by creating an ocean in a bottle.
- **Confident Communicators:** We will learn to sign a word of the week and add technical focus words to their vocabulary. Show and Tell minibeast small group sessions will encourage group discussions and taking it in turns to speak, describing, recounting and retelling information. We will use 'That's not my minibeast...' to help us with ideas, sensory and vocabulary using connectives to link sentences.
- **Amazing Athletes & Talented Tool Users:** We will move in different ways using large scale movements like pirates sweeping the deck and walking the plank! We will use parachute games as a sail for our pirate ship and practice our pirate performance for the end of term. We will explore different one-handed tools to improve fine motor muscles and funky finger activities to improve grip and strength. We continue with our Write Dance programme and will introduce dough disco. We will be building pirate treasure using beads and threading and using a variety of tools to pinch, pull, push and squeeze to improve pencil grip.
- **Brilliant Bookworms & Wow Writers:** We will be using We're Going On a Bear Hunt for our Talk for Writing text, going on our own bear hunt and mapping the story independently then innovating the story to going on a bug hunt! We will explore topic texts The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Superworm, Jasper Beanstalk and Somebody Swallowed Stanley as well as non-fiction books relating to our topics. We will focus on phonics sounds each week, alliteration and starting to segment single sound CVC words. We will be writing our caterpillar names and labelling our treasure maps.
- **Masters of Maths:** Our focus numbers will be 4 and 5 using our number suitcase to showcase Jack and the Beanstalk (4 beans) and use time language and 5 Currant Buns. We will explore the square shape with number 4 using 2D and 3D shapes and vocabulary. We will look at matching numeral and quantity 0-5 and look at numbers in a set. Pattern we will visit symmetry, recognising and matching butterfly patterns. We will explore measure through different minibeasts.
- **Exceptional Explorers and Compassionate Citizens:** We will be active learners and learn about caterpillars, butterflies, worms, bees and spiders, making observations on how minibeasts help in the garden. We will look at the life cycles of minibeasts and how they help pollination. We will explore what our gardens need to grow and change, helping to look after our preschool garden and new herb pallet. We will look at ways we can help our environment and collect pollution for our recycling task/litter pick. We will look at how pollution has changed our planet and events in history the Jurassic age.
- **Dynamic Designers:** We will work together to build a bug hotel and a wormery, choosing from a range of art materials and colour mixing. We will move in expressive ways to the minibeast dance and use our small world area to explore and create stories based on our topics – Minibeasts and the Ocean. We will create our own treasure maps and become pirates in our pirate den!

Innovation Creative and critical thinkers

This term Owls will have opportunities to serve our school and local community. We will plan, create and develop ideas through:

- Hatching eggs in an incubator, learning about life cycles, observing change and looking after animals.
- Treasure hunt and maps around the school community.
- Growing food in our garden and using this for cooking.
- Designing a bug hotel to attract bees and insects and giving them a safe habitat.
- Make a wormery and observe the changes that the worms create.
- Create a science fizzy mud experiment and slug and snail slime sensory tray.

Summer Term 2022 – Service
Owls

Inspiring Changemakers

This term we will be exploring Service: in the garden life on land and coast life below water.



Character Relationship Builders

This term our focus virtues are; **Caring, Confidence and Honesty.**

- Explore these virtues through our topics – caring for our environment and animals, learning skills of a pirate to battle and triumph needs confidence.
- Inspiring Skill Builder badge – create a beach scene to take home as well as group tasks.
- Inspiring Adventurer – go on a minibeast hunt and minibeast adventure to Beer Mill.
- Develop character through PSHE by exploring ideas about right and wrong, making good choices and displaying honesty.
- Using a pirate treasure chest to encourage good listening, attention and routines in the setting.

Community Caring for our World

- We will learn about how minibeasts help us to survive and learn about plastic pollution in our oceans and create our own litter pick pallet, helping to reduce waste around our community.
- Celebrating the Queens Jubilee and think about what service the Queen has brought us. We will hopefully be able to visit Dartmoor Zoo to meet the meerkat mob which we adopted!

