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*Coming up next week...19/4/2021*

*Welcome Back!*

*We hope you all had a good Easter break and managed to relax and perhaps see some friends and family you haven't been able to for a while.*

### *Learning in school:*

**Topic: Minibeasts and Growing**

**This next half term we will be learning about a variety of minibeasts. We will be looking at similarities and differences between them and where we find them.**

This week our focus is 'Who hangs out here?' Over the Easter holidays, our classrooms have had a visitor and have left a letter for the children to come in to find. In science, we will be exploring what makes a good minibeast umbrella, investigating a variety of materials.

### Keeping safe

Despite the restrictions easing, we know Coronavirus hasn't disappeared so we will still be focusing on how to keep healthy and safe in the classroom and outside. We will revisit how to wash our hands and will remind children of how to catch our germs with a tissue and 'catch it, kill it, bin it'.

We will ventilate the classrooms all day and spend as much time as possible outside, so please make sure your child has appropriate clothing.

### *Home learning (for children self-isolating):*

- Read 'The Very Busy Spider' by Eric Carle.
- Make your own version of 'The Very Busy Spider'. Which animals could distract the busy spider in your story and who will she help?
- Create your own spider's web e.g. using a paper plate and crossing wool back and forth.
- Investigate how waterproof variety of materials are.

### Phonics:

This week in school, we will be learning how to read 2 syllable words

#### *Home learning (for children self-isolating):*

You are able to re-watch the governments' clips about reading 'longer words' under the spring term tab <https://lettersandsounds.org.uk/for-home/reception>.

Can your child then play some games on Phonics Play (e.g. Buried Treasure/ Planet Pluto/ Sentence Substitution, etc) to practise their sounding out and blending skills?

### Maths:

This week in school, we will be looking at the number 11. We will also be looking at whole and not whole objects.

#### *Home learning (for children self-isolating):*

- Watch the Numberblocks episode 11  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000266y/numberblocks-series-3-eleven>
- To help your child explore whole and not whole objects you could use fruit at home.

### *Additional notes and reminders*

#### Reading books

Your child will be able to change their books on Monday and Thursday. Please can your child keep their reading records and reading book in their bookbags everyday as they may be needed. Please also remember your child can still read books from the Rising Stars online reading scheme.

Please can we have any junk modelling resources such as small boxes, tubes, plastic punnets etc. As we need to quarantine these before use.

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*Please note that as the week progresses it is sometimes necessary to change what is planned to meet the learning needs of the children and therefore changes to the above may occur.*