



Dragonflies Curriculum Newsletter

On the Farm and Minibeasts

Summer Term 1 2025

Mathematics

The children will identify numbers to 20 and using a range of resources they will begin to build each number, recognising the recurring pattern of numbers beyond 10.

The children will consolidate counting on and back to 20 and beyond. They will be encouraged to notice similarities and differences as they match and sort objects in different contexts.

The children will also begin to add and subtract numbers within 10 using resources to help them do this accurately.

Literacy

The children will continue to use their knowledge from phonics to write words using the sounds they know. All children will try and write words, phrases and sentences more independently, using their segmenting fingers to help them spell accurately.

The children will continue to draw and write after their drawing club session; within this session they will be learning key vocabulary which they can use in their writing. In handwriting sessions the formation of both lower and upper case letters will continue to be practised.

Phonics will continue to be taught daily and this term the children will continue to practice reading and writing longer words and plurals. Dragonflies will continue to have group reading sessions and will bring home a reading book from these sessions.

Library books – Changed every **Monday**

Phonics books – Changed every **Thursday**

Please make sure your child's reading books and diaries are **in school every day.**

Tapestry

We would love to see the children's learning at home. Can you please add photographs/ videos of their learning and achievements.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We will continue to learn about the Anker Valley Virtues. The children will further develop an understanding of their feelings and those of others. They will begin to think about changes they have experienced in preparation for their transition to Year 1.



Communication & Language

We will read stories about minibeasts and farm animals, such as The Pig in the Pond, Farmer Duck, Chicken Licken and The hungry caterpillar. The children will offer explanations as to why things might happen making use of recently introduced vocabulary. They will express their ideas and feelings about experiences using full sentences, a range of tenses and conjunctions.

Expressive Arts & Design

The children will continue to explore a variety of tools, materials and techniques to create pictures and models of the characters within the stories we read, including The Scarecrows Wedding, Farmer Duck and Chicken Licken. They will continue to develop their own narrative through role playing different characters both in the role play area and with the small world resources.

Understanding the World

We will explore the animals in our surrounding natural environment. We will discuss how we care for the natural world around us. We will learn about different animals that live on the farm and talk about adult and baby animals and the lifecycle of a caterpillar.

Our **Forest School Sessions** will take place on a **Monday** during this half term. The children will need their wellies and puddle suits in school.

Key Dates for Dragonflies

Thursday 10th April—Easter disco (4:30-6)

Friday 11th April—End of Term assembly inc. Easter bonnet parade and Easter egg hunt.

Monday 14th April – Friday 25th April—Easter Holiday

Thursday 1st May—INSET Day—School closed to pupils

Tuesday 6th May—Tempest class photos

Thursday 8th May—Parent workshops to celebrate VE Day

Friday 16th May—Dragonfly Class Family Assembly

Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May—Whitsun Holiday

Physical Development

P.E lessons will be on a **Wednesday**.

Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school; labelled with their name to help when changing.

During P.E we will be continuing to develop the fundamental movement skills, including ball skills, physical skills and balancing skills.

The children will have access to physical activities each day both inside and outside the classroom.

We will also be focusing on developing the children's fine motor skills. They will learn to use and hold a range of equipment correctly such as scissors for cutting and pencil for writing.

Staffing in Dragonflies

Miss Herrick— Monday-Friday

Miss Stacey— Monday—Friday

Mrs Horlor—Monday afternoon

Miss Garrett—Monday afternoon

How you can support your child at home

Please listen to your child read **daily** and record in their reading diaries. Please also practise writing their full names and their phonic sounds using the letter formation sheets provided last term.