



## New Seeds Spring Term Newsletter 1

### A Bugs Life!



Happy New Year everyone from the reception team. We hope that you have had a great Christmas break full of lots of festive memories. We would like to say a big thank you for the lovely cards and gifts that we were given.

Our topic this term is 'A Bugs Life' which is all to do with finding out about bugs and their habitats. We will be using text such as The Bad Tempered Ladybird, Hungry Caterpillar and information text on bugs. In Literacy, we will be continuing to develop our early writing skills, looking at sentence structure as well as continuing to form our letters correctly. The children will have the opportunity to listen to and read various stories linked to bugs. They will be participating in a wide variety of activities, including sequencing the events in the stories, predicting ending to stories as well as writing simple sentences. In Maths, we will be learning to recognise numbers to 20, add and subtract two single digit numbers, as well as learning about money, time and symmetry.

#### We need your help!

We are always looking to make our outside area more interesting for the children and more of a natural place to learn in. If you have or know where we can get outdoor resources, then please let us know. We are after resources such as: small tyres, bricks, tiles, potted plants, logs, slate, reels, cones, stones, tubes, pine cones, guttering, crates, wood chip and utensils for our mud area. A big thank you in advance!

#### Bug Day

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February  
2019

Children come dressed as  
a bug for the day and  
participate in bug fun!



#### Reminders

**PE** – Please ensure that your child has both indoor and outdoor kits in their PE bag and that their kit is clearly named.

**Wow Books** – Thank you for writing in your child's wow books, it has been lovely to see their achievements outside school. Please continue to write their wows, as the children love sharing them with each other.

**Green A4 Weekend book** – As we are starting the spring term it would be good if you can encourage your child to write in their weekend book. You can annotate their writing where you feel it is appropriate. This is a good way for children to see that they are writing for a purpose.

#### Supporting your child at home

Children will continue to get a reading book plus their word wallet each week.

Fun maths – playing number games that promote number recognition, addition and subtraction. Such as snakes and ladders, snap, frustration.

Exploring the world around them – going for walks and talking about what they can see, hear and smell. Comparing different places you visit and talking about their likes and dislikes.

Developing independence skills – dressing themselves and learning to do up zips and buttons on clothes independently.

