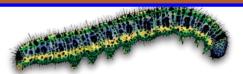
Each half term we will begin with a loose theme, which will allow us to set up invitations to play and intriguing provocations designed to encourage children to imagine, create and communicate. As we observe and play with the children we will tailor further learning opportunities to their interests, building on experiences to develop our Learning Journey together.





Our overarching theme continues from last term ,thinking about mini-beasts and their life cycles. Please do support this at home by talking about mini-beasts we find in our homes and gardens, and how they are different or the same.

ROLE PLAY We will begin with a forest camp.

SENSORY/SAND/WATER We will have lots of interesting textures to explore, including our mud kitchen and outdoor waterplay area.

CREATIVE We will have lots of opportunities to cut, stick, join, paint, draw and make. Children will be encouraged to plan and review their ideas. We will draw inspiration from mini-beasts and patterns found in nature.

LITERACY A new selection of books will be available in all areas of our setting. Children will be encouraged to listen sensibly, join in and discuss the stories we read together. These key texts will allow us to discover more about how stories and rhymes are constructed and how we can retrieve information from texts: The Hungry Caterpillar, The Bad Tempered Ladybird, What the Ladybird Heard, the Very Ugly Bug, The Snail and the Whale and lots of information texts. As always we will provide children with a variety of mark -making resources, encouraging them to make marks in and around all of their play activities and to give meaning to their efforts. FS2 will continue to practice writing their name, individual letters and will be encouraged to compose and write labels, captions and simple sentences using sounds that they hear.

MATHS We will have lots of opportunities to count, recognise and talk about numbers and patterns. We will be investigating 2D & 3D shapes and capacity. F52 will continue to explore no. bonds, finding pairs of numbers that make 5,6,7,8,9 and 10, looking for patterns and relationships. They will add and subtract simple amounts and investigate double numbers. They will learn to count in 2's and 10's and talk about odd and even numbers. UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD The caterpillars are back! We will also be hatching some prehistoric Triops. We will continue to talk about special times, different cultures and occupations and to investigate seasonal changes in our environment during Forest School . We will learn about caterpillar life cycles and continue to grow and care for plants in our garden.

