




## Cycle 2



## Mad about Minibeasts!

Parental Engagement	Key Text	Traditional Tales and Rhymes	Trips and Experiences	Festivals and Special Times
<p>Easter Parade and Celebrations</p> <p>Parent/Carer termly phone call</p> 	 <p>The Very Hungry Caterpillar</p> <p>We will also be reading lots of other stories, songs and rhymes daily.</p> 	<p>The Enormous Turnip</p>  <p>Bible Story- Jesus is Alive- The Easter Story</p> 	<p>Anthony James model making</p> <p>Zoolab visit- minibeasts!</p> <p>Real caterpillars in class!</p> 	<p>Easter</p> <p>Mother's Day</p> <p>World Book Day</p> <p>Science Week</p> 

**Characteristics of effective Learning:**









**Playing and Exploring** - During this topic the children will be encouraged to play and explore using knowledge they already have and supported to develop a 'have a go' attitude at school.

**Active learning** - The children will be provided with daily activities that allow them to be active and involved in their learning. The activities will help develop concentration and attention.

**Creating and thinking Critically** - Our continuous provision will strongly encourage the children to explore their own ideas and to tackle a task how they feel best suit.

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We have an animal for each learning behaviour. These are:

Creative Chameleon		Persevering parrot		Go for it Gorillas		Proud Peacock	
Slinky Linky Snake		Reflecting Rhino		Exploring Elephants		Choosing Chimps	

Analysing Alligator



## Prime Areas of learning

Personal, Social and Emotional Development



Self-Regulation

Managing Self

Building Relationships

Personally, Socially and Emotionally we will be...

- Talk about the similarities and differences amongst their peers
- Talk about the things they and their friends are good at
- Spot similarities and differences in nature
- Understand that having differences between us is a good thing
- Notice and talk about differences in nature
- Recognise the differences within and amongst families
- Explore and use different materials
- Show kindness by including their friends
- Talk about how to help those who are in need



We will achieve this by...

SCARF Theme: Valuing Difference

Share the book Elmer.

Learn the song 'I'm special, you're special'

Exploring colour mixing

Talk about and recognise similarities (this can sometimes help us be friends) and differences (this is what makes us special and makes our friendships fun).

What is special about your family?

What is special about the children in Nursery/in our class?

How did Elmer feel when he was grey and standing with the elephants? Was he having fun? What did he do?



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E-Safety Focus: I know some people can be unkind online

Learning at home-Family portraits.

Point out that the elephants say "What would we do without you?" and explain that this means that he is special to them *because of his differences*.

Children to draw a picture of their family (use photographs, if appropriate). Do your families look the same? Is everyone the same? How are you different from the people at home (e.g. your Dad/Auntie/Step-Mum?) What is special about those people in your home?

How does Elmer feel when they have the party?

How do the other elephants feel when they give the party to Elmer?

When we are kind to each other, how does that make us feel?




Making elephant biscuits

Explain to the children that they will be working as a team by being kind and sharing.

Biscuits could be elephant shapes or simple shapes and decorated with coloured icing. Alternatively, they could be raisin biscuits (the berries that Elmer used to make himself grey).

Using a puppet or soft toy (perhaps the class mascot), explain that the toy has been left out by the other toys because they are too noisy/bright/small/big (whatever suits the appearance of the toy). The toy can then share its feelings with the class (via the adult) or the children could suggest how it might feel - or both. Ask:

- What could we do to help?


		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What could the other toys do?</li> <li>• Is it kind to leave others out because they are different?</li> </ul>
<p>Communication and Language</p>  <p>Listening, attention and understanding</p> <p>Speaking</p>	<p>As Communicators we will...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use a wider range of vocabulary.</li> <li>• Sing a large repertoire of songs.</li> <li>• Know many rhymes, be able to talk about familiar books, and be able to tell a long story.</li> <li>• Understand 'Why' questions</li> <li>• Use longer sentences of four to six words.</li> <li>• Use multisyllabic words</li> <li>• Use talk to organise themselves and their play: "Let's go on a bus... you sit there... I'll be the driver."</li> </ul> <p>Learning at home- Sharing rhymes and story sacks at home</p> 	<p>We will achieve this by...</p> <p>Sharing lots of stories in the library, book corner and daily reading</p> <p>WellComm activities/interventions</p> <p>Introducing and using interesting words to describe our snack and other materials such as the weather and things we notice in the environment such as different bugs.</p> <p>'I wonder' questions about everyday experiences such as the weather, science investigations and</p> <p>Responding to stories</p> <p>Asking questions about minibeasts</p> <p>Learning minibeasts names</p> <p>Daily welcome to nursery, talking about the weather, season and children's experiences</p> <p>Introduce new vocabulary - add words to our story board from the hungry caterpillar story such as cocoon etc</p> <p>Daily singing nursery rhymes and topic songs</p>
<p>Physical Development</p>  <p>Gross motor skills</p> <p>Fine motor skills</p>	<p>Physically, we will...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to develop their movement and ball skills</li> <li>• Use large movements</li> <li>• Start taking part in some group activities.</li> <li>• Be increasingly independent with coats and zips</li> <li>• Show a preference for a dominant hand</li> <li>• Use one-handed tools</li> </ul>	<p>Daily activities and routines such as:</p> <p>Putting our coats on and zipping them up</p> <p>Getting ready for our Seasonal walks and dressing for the different seasons and weather</p> <p>Daily healthy snack including fruit, water and milk</p> <p>Daily washing hands and learning to be independent such as going to the toilet and taking care of ourselves</p> <p>Lots of <b>fine motor activities</b> to build the strength in our hands and fingers:</p> <p>Use tweezers to pick up/ move large objects i.e. pompoms</p> <p>Thread large objects onto pipe cleaners Using a variety of tools to manipulate play dough</p>





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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use a comfortable grip with good control</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Learning at home-</b> caterpillar's healthy day</p>	<p>Using glue spreaders          Use tweezers to pick up/ move smaller objects i.e. Small pompoms/ objects          Practise activities to promote crossing the mid-line of the body i.e. passing a ball from left to right          Promote activities to strengthen bilateral coordination i.e. lacing cards          Cut a straight line with some accuracy</p> <p>Lots of <b>large (gross) movement</b> activities:          Use crates and planks of wood to build obstacle courses          Use of climbing frame Practise throwing and catching large ball with one bounce between the catch          Practise riding the bikes and scooters Galloping races Balancing on one leg during Simon Says game</p>
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## Specific Areas of learning

<p>Literacy</p>  <p>Reading</p> <p>Writing</p> <p>Comprehension</p>	<p>As Readers, Writers and Mark makers we will be...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engage in extended conversations about stories</li> <li>Name the different parts of a book</li> <li>Print can have different purposes</li> <li>Print has meaning</li> <li>Page sequencing</li> <li>Engage in extended conversations about stories, learning new vocabulary.</li> <li>spot and suggest rhymes</li> <li>begin to recognise words with the same initial sound, such as money and mother</li> <li>Use some of their print and letter knowledge in their early writing. For example: writing a pretend shopping list that starts at the top of the page; write 'm' for mummy.</li> <li>Write some or all of their name.</li> </ul> <p>In phase 1 phonics, we will be learning to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop listening skills and awareness of sounds in the environment</li> <li>Talk about sounds in greater detail</li> </ul>	<p>We will achieve this by...</p> <p>Exploring the logo wall- talking about words and logos all around us          Word walks-looking for signs and words around our environment          Lots of opportunities to make marks such as lists, name writing, drawing, write dance, patterns in nature, labels- model writing for lots of different purposes          Writing letters in our names          Weekly pattern drawing from letter join          Name card wall- talking about our names and the phonemes they begin with          Clapping our names and other words          Lots of stories linked to the topics          Daily reading for pleasure/our favourite books display          Story boards and maps to retell our class story          Small world play to act out stories</p>
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<p>Maths</p>  <p>Number</p> <p>Numerical patterns</p>	<p>As Mathematicians we will be...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reciting numbers past 5</li> <li>• Link numerals and amounts: for example, showing the right number of objects to match the numeral, up to 5.</li> <li>• Experiment with own symbols</li> <li>• Talks about and explore 2D and 3D shapes (for example, circles, rectangles, triangles and cuboids) using informal and mathematical language: 'sides', 'corners'; 'straight', 'flat', 'round'.</li> <li>• Extend and create ABAB patterns - stick, leaf, stick, leaf.</li> <li>• Discuss routes and locations, using words like 'in front of' and 'behind'.</li> <li>• Make comparisons between objects relating to size, length, weight and capacity</li> </ul>	<p>We will achieve this by...</p> <p>Learning about the numbers to 5 through number blocks- counting, comparing amounts and recording in our ways Exploring patterns in nature such patterns on a butterfly and ladybird etc Daily counting for different purposes such as how much milk we need? Or sharing the fruit Using shapes to make minibeasts Using natural materials to create repeating patterns Minibeast symmetry Making patterns</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Talks about patterns</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">Learning at home- counting rhymes</p>	<p>Learning about different bugs and comparing sizes and shape etc</p>
<p>Understanding the World</p>  <p>Past and present</p> <p>People, culture and communities</p> <p>The natural world</p>	<p>Learning about People &amp; the World, we will be...</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things</li> <li>Ask and answer 'what', 'where' and 'who' questions about events immediately happening in their environment or events in the 'near' past</li> <li>Plant seeds and care for growing plants.</li> <li>Understand the key features of a life cycle.</li> <li>Understand 'why' questions, like: "Why do you think the caterpillar got so fat?"</li> <li>Make healthy choices about food, drink, activity and tooth brushing .</li> </ul> <p>Kapow Computing- We will be learning to:          Exploring hardware          Real world tinker tray          Pictures of play          Picture walk          Class photo album</p> <p>In RE we will be learning about Salvation and why do Christians put a cross in the Easter garden?</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Learning at home- Easter Gardens and celebrations</p>	<p>We will achieve this by...</p> <p>Using our senses to explore what's inside the curiosity cube eg different bugs and interests of the children</p> <p>local walks</p> <p>Using our senses to explore the season of Spring</p> <p>Small world areas to tell stories and let our imagination run wild</p> <p>Collecting natural materials and using our senses to talk about them</p> <p>Daily discussions about the seasons and weather</p> <p>Welly walks and talking about the changes in weather and the seasons</p> <p>Lots of books, poems and rhymes about different families - PSED links</p> <p>Role play areas linked to the topic</p> <p>Celebrations-Easter, World Book day and Science week!</p> <p>Learning about the life cycle of a caterpillar</p> <p>Taking care of caterpillars and learning about how they change</p> <p>Growing plants</p> <p>Weekly assemblies with Mrs Berry</p> <p>Godly play sessions</p> <p>Bugs songs and rhymes</p> <p>Daily prayers/reflection and thank you thoughts led by the children</p> <p>Talk about what they see using a wide range of vocabulary such as describing the settings in the story</p>
<p>Expressive Arts and Design</p>	<p>Imaginatively and as Artists, Musicians and Designers we will be ...</p>	<p>We will achieve this by...</p>

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Creating with materials

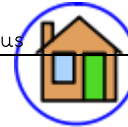
Being imaginative and expressive

- Develop their own ideas and decide which materials to use.
- Choose the right resources to carry out their own plan.
- Use one-handed tools and equipment, for example, making snips in paper with scissors.
- Explore different materials freely, in order to develop their ideas about how to use them and what to make
- Sing the pitch of a tone sung by another person ('pitch match')
- Sing the melodic shape (moving melody, such as up and down, down and up) of familiar songs
- Able to use and remember sequences and patterns of movements which are related to music and rhythm

**Kapow Music-** Music and movement:

Action Songs  
Finding the Beat  
Exploring Tempo  
Exploring Tempo and Pitch  
Music and Movement

Nature Sounds **Learning at home-** Model art gallery/recycling focus



Using junk modelling to make minibeast models  
Using different equipment to create models and art work  
Learning topic songs  
Painting caterpillars and butterflies  
Exploring different colours and patterns

Our focus artist is Anthony James- a local artist  
Making minibeast models using junk