

Ashleigh Nursery Newsletter



10th June 2022

This week

We have had a marvellous week in Nursery hearing about all the children's half term news. The (mostly) good weather has meant lots of outdoor learning and play, with a special visit up to the farm to say hello to the new rabbit. We walked on the new paths cut into the ground and had a good look at all the outdoor learning developments that had occurred during our week off from school. It looks beautiful with the willow arches and brand new hedging.

We have had lots of fun this week learning the story of The 3 Little Pigs. We challenged the children to retell the story to each other, indoors and outside, using story sacks, sequencing cards, natural materials, a shoebox theatre and a wonderful role play area complete with character masks.

Our maths learning was about time and sequencing. The children enjoyed talking about their morning routines, putting activity pictures in the right order all whilst using the language first / then / next and last.

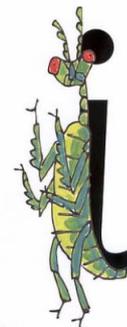
Despite having a week away from Nursery the children did fabulously well with their phonics speed sounds this week. The 'd' is commonly confused with the sound 'b', so we did extra practise with this sound.

Next week

Theme: Mini Beasts

We are going to really enjoy this week! There are lots of wonderful books and activities associated with all little animals who have no backbone.

We will be learning to look at them closely, through observational drawing, and thinking about how many different species there are, and how different they look to each other.



Bounce: i-i-i-insect
Handwrite: Down the body, dot for the head

Expressive Arts

We will be looking at the wonderful collaged art work in Eric Carle's books, especially the mini beast themed ones. We will be learning a new song "Where is the beehive, where are the bees" too.

The Bad-Tempered Ladybird Eric Carle



Literacy

We will be learning all about books next week: titles / blurbs/ direction of text / numbering of pages. The children will be creating their own booklets about, of course, Mini Beasts too.

Read, Write, Inc. (RWI).

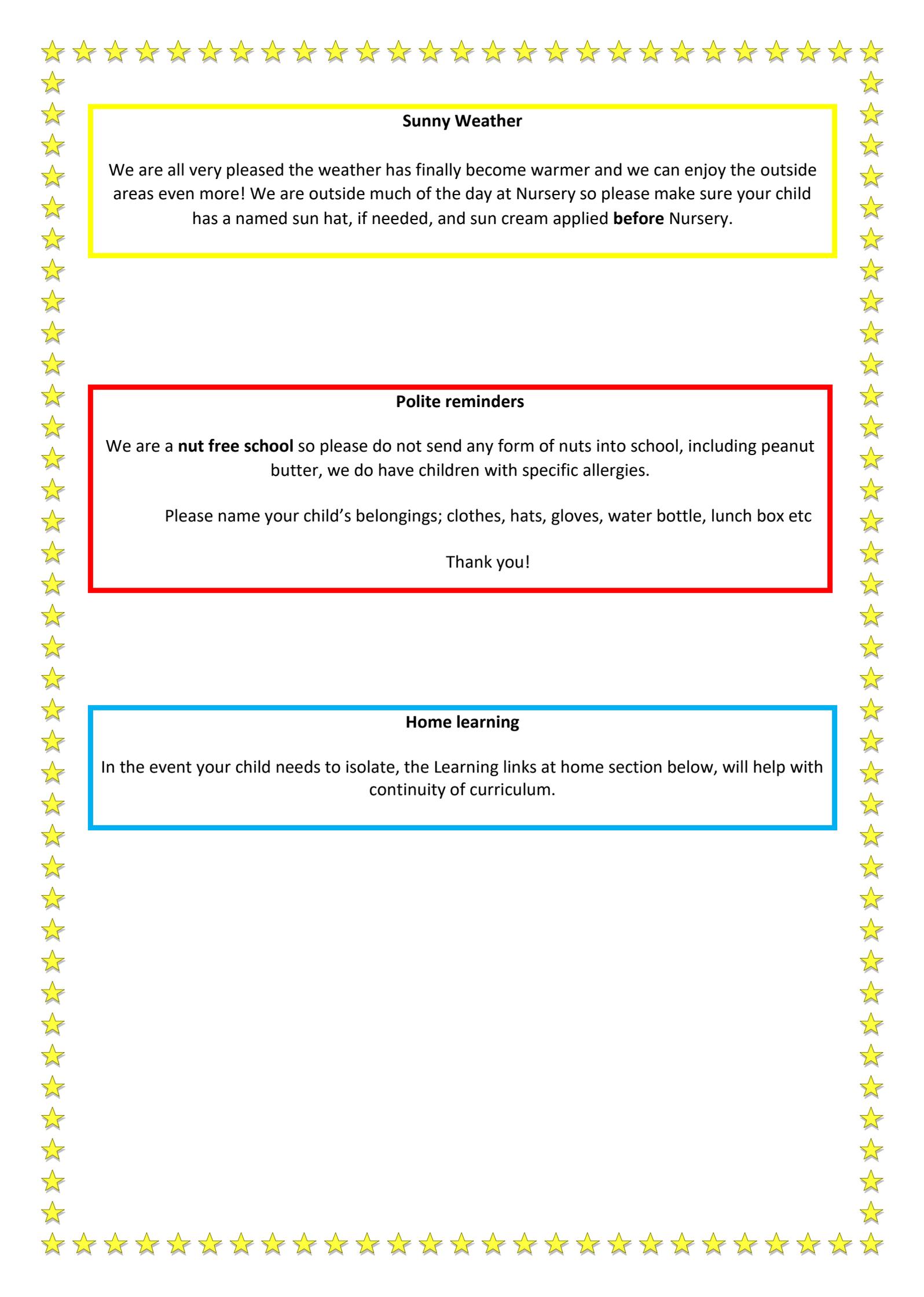
Next week we will be learning 'i' as well as revising 't', 'd', 'm', 's', and 'a'. 'i' is a bouncy sound and the formation is learnt with the phrase: 'Down the body, dot for the head'.

Maths

Our maths focus will be 'pattern'. We will be looking at the patterns on 'Mini Beasts' as well as challenging the children to predict 'what will come next' in a sequence.

Book of the week

Super worm by Julia Donaldson
Eric Carle books



Sunny Weather

We are all very pleased the weather has finally become warmer and we can enjoy the outside areas even more! We are outside much of the day at Nursery so please make sure your child has a named sun hat, if needed, and sun cream applied **before** Nursery.

Polite reminders

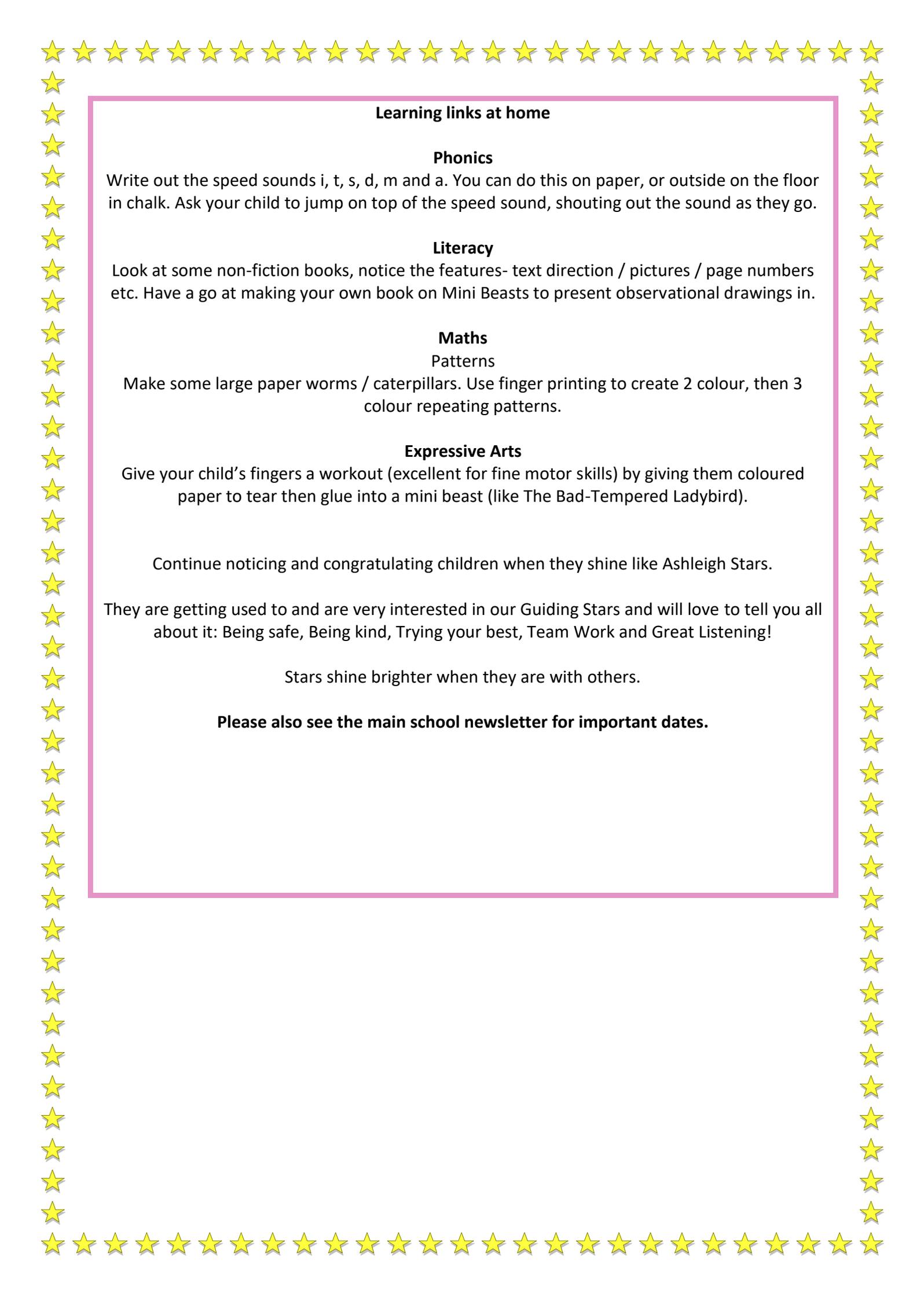
We are a **nut free school** so please do not send any form of nuts into school, including peanut butter, we do have children with specific allergies.

Please name your child's belongings; clothes, hats, gloves, water bottle, lunch box etc

Thank you!

Home learning

In the event your child needs to isolate, the Learning links at home section below, will help with continuity of curriculum.



Learning links at home

Phonics

Write out the speed sounds i, t, s, d, m and a. You can do this on paper, or outside on the floor in chalk. Ask your child to jump on top of the speed sound, shouting out the sound as they go.

Literacy

Look at some non-fiction books, notice the features- text direction / pictures / page numbers etc. Have a go at making your own book on Mini Beasts to present observational drawings in.

Maths

Patterns

Make some large paper worms / caterpillars. Use finger printing to create 2 colour, then 3 colour repeating patterns.

Expressive Arts

Give your child's fingers a workout (excellent for fine motor skills) by giving them coloured paper to tear then glue into a mini beast (like The Bad-Tempered Ladybird).

Continue noticing and congratulating children when they shine like Ashleigh Stars.

They are getting used to and are very interested in our Guiding Stars and will love to tell you all about it: Being safe, Being kind, Trying your best, Team Work and Great Listening!

Stars shine brighter when they are with others.

Please also see the main school newsletter for important dates.