



Welcome back to Term 6!



We can't believe it's already the final term in Year R! This term, our topic is Minibeast and we're really excited to get started.

The children will be learning all about little creatures like insects, spiders, and worms. We'll be going on bug hunts, exploring where minibeasts live, and finding out why they're so important. There will be lots of outdoor exploring and fun stories linked to our topic

Design and Technology

The children will be creating their own bug hotels. They'll be using natural materials like sticks, leaves, bark, and pinecones to create cosy little spaces for insects to live in. It's a great way for them to learn about bugs and why they're so important to our environment.



Geography

In Geography, the children will be learning all about maps. They will explore what maps are, what they are used for, and how they help us find our way around.

The children will begin to recognise simple map symbols, look at basic maps of familiar places, and even have a go at creating their own maps. They will also start to use directional language such as left, right, near, and far to describe routes and locations.



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Understanding the world

This term, the children will be learning about how plants grow and what they need to survive, such as water, sunlight, and soil. We will be exploring common plants in our local area and observing how they change over time as they grow.

We will also be learning about life on a farm, including the different types of transport farmers use today, such as tractors and machinery, and comparing these to how farming was done in the past. This will help the children begin to understand how things change over time.

PE

PE will be taught on a **Monday** by Coach. The children will be developing their ball skills through a range of fun and active games. They will be practising skills such as throwing, catching, kicking, dribbling, and aiming, all in a supportive and engaging environment. These activities will help improve their coordination, balance, teamwork, and confidence when handling different types of equipment.

Reading

Please continue to use the QR codes with your child to support their reading at home.

We also ask that you write in the red reading record book each time you read with your child. This helps us keep track of their progress and support them in school.

Reminder

A quick reminder that children should not bring toys into school, as they can easily get lost or cause distractions during the day.

If your child needs to bring in Vaseline, please make sure it is clearly named and hand it directly to the class teacher.

Drawing Club

In Drawing Club, we are exploring the wonderful world of minibeasts! The children will be using their imagination to draw different creatures like ladybirds, worms, bees, and butterflies, and adding their own creative ideas to bring their pictures to life.

We are also reminding children how to write a sentence.

They are encouraged to:

- Start with a capital letter
- Use finger spaces between words
 - Finish with a full stop
- Sound out words carefully when spelling

Dates for the diary:

Monday 1st June – First Day Back

Wednesday 17th June – Sports day

Tuesday 2nd July – Last Day

If you have anything, you wish to talk to a member of the Year R team about, please do come and see us after school when we have dismissed all the children, contact us using our new email address or arrange an appointment at the office. The email address is toucans@egerton.kent.sch.uk The year R team, as well as Mrs Head, will be monitoring this regularly.

