

Butterflies Class Newsletter

Summer 1- 2025



Welcome back! We hope you all had a fun and restful break!



Topic



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As part of this there will be a large focus on science. We will make observations of the seasons, identify the structures of a plant, investigate what a plant needs to survive and grow our own plants and make observations of each stage.

We will also, as part of History, investigate and make comparisons between what farms were like in the past and farms now.

At home you could:

- Take a nature walk and make observations about what you see.
- Create a nature collage with leaves and flowers
- Plant your own seeds
- Visit a local farm or pond

English



Our topic in English this half term is Reports and we will also read texts linking to our topic, including: Ben plants a Butterfly Garden, Ruby plants a Radish and Sam plants a Sunflower.

Over the term we will focus on building our fine motor and writing skills and work towards creating a report. We will continue to develop our reading skills, specifically involving fiction and non-fiction.

At home you could:

- Look at an information text and see what new facts you can learn
- Create a fact file about your family
- Share a story and practice answering comprehension questions

Maths



Our topic in Maths this half term is length and height.

We will focus on using descriptive key terms such as taller/shorter, longer/shorter, bigger/smaller. We will be comparing and ordering objects and begin to practice measuring. We will also be carrying out number work, practicing partitioning numbers and linking this to addition and subtraction.

At home you could:

- Listen to a counting song
- Use objects around the house to practice adding and subtracting
- Measure heights of people in your household and compare taller/shorter



Butterflies Class Staff



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| Class Teacher- | Olivia Bate (T, W, Th, F) |
| Learning Support Assistants | Sophie Heath (M, T, W, Th, F) Reanna Pharoah (M, T, W, Th, F) Justine Gillett (M, T, Thu) Sarah Hoskin (M, W, Th am, F) |
| <u>Staffing news:</u> Sarah Hoskin will teach all day Monday and Thursday morning. Jemma Warren will teach on a Tuesday morning. | |

PE



We have PE in Butterflies Class on Tuesday.

Please send your child in with an appropriate named t-shirt, shorts and trainers.

Important Dates

- 04.05.26 - Bank holiday
- 05.05.26 - Inset day
- 22.05.26 - Final day before May half term

Please remember:

We will be participating in a lot of outdoor learning sessions this term and as the weather is getting warmer and sunnier it is important to be sending your child in with the appropriate clothing, including sun hats, and with sunscreen on.

If you engage with any home learning, we would love to see it and share it in school, feel free to email any photos to my work email.

Please also remember I am available at my work email olivia.bate@riverside.hants.sch.uk or the school telephone 02392250138 if you have anything you need to discuss.

Thank you (: