

## IDL

Last term we enjoyed learning the book 'Superworm' by Julia Donaldson and this led us into a short topic on minibeasts. The children enjoyed learning about the lifecycle of butterflies and the habitats that minibeasts like to live in. We spent time exploring the playground and found lots of signs of minibeasts - like leaves that had been nibbled and spiders webs.



This term the children are very interested in the weather so we have been looking at weather through science experiments. The children really enjoyed making it rain in a jar and have been learning about the water cycle. We will be learning more about the weather throughout the term, keep an eye on seesaw for pictures of what we have been doing.



## Thematic weeks

We really enjoyed learning about Robert Burns in January. We listened to some of his poetry and listened to the Gruffalo in Scots. We also learned about tartan and made some wonderful thistles for our 'Amazing Art' wall.

The children really enjoyed learning about France this term as well. They particularly enjoyed learning about the Eiffel tower and about the food that is traditionally eaten in France. All of the children learnt how to say 'hello' in French and some learnt how to say 'my name is' as well.



Later this term we look forward to taking part in the school eco week where we will focus on recycling and ways that we can be more eco friendly.

## Keeping in touch

We try to update Seesaw regularly so that you can keep up to date with what your children have been doing in school. Please keep an eye on Seesaw as all of the children love sharing their successes with you this way.

We are looking forward to a fun and successful term in the Hive and will share our learning as we go. We would love it if you would share any of your children's successes with us too so that we can celebrate these in class.

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## Welcome

We have had lots of changes over the last few weeks which the children have responded well to. Mrs Collin started as the new class teacher in the Hive just before Christmas and is delighted to be part of the team at Mayfield. The Hive also moved room this session and all of the children are now settled and happy in their new space.

All of the children now have their own timetable and their own reward page. Every morning the children organise their timetable so that they know what the plan is for the day is and then they choose the reward that they 'want to work for,' The children need to earn 5 gold stars to reach their chosen reward. Everyone is trying really hard to earn their stars. We are really proud of how the children have learnt this new routine and how well they use their timetables to manage their day.

## PE

The children are very lucky this term as they will be getting an hour of PE with Mr Peacock every Wednesday as well as their usual PE session on a Tuesday so please send your children dressed, ready for PE on these days.



We try to use the outside space as much as possible for learning opportunities and brain breaks so please send your child with appropriate clothing for the weather each day.

## Staffing

Mrs Collin is the Hive's teacher from Monday - Thursday and Mrs Dryden teaches in the Hive on a Friday morning. We also have two amazing learning assistants, Miss Mitchell and Miss Gall. The children in the Hive really enjoy visits from other staff and children in the school.

## What learning looks like in the Hive



In the Hive we are learning through hands on activities and structured play using our task box system. The task boxes allow children to explore activities at their own level and allow children to be independent in their learning. We also use interactive games on the iPads and Seesaw activities to further support our learning.

The children enjoy a variety of numeracy activities each day between break and lunch and work individually or in pairs depending on the tasks. We cover different elements of numeracy each day and cover maths once a week. So far this term we have covered symmetry through our topic on minibeasts and we are now exploring measure.

We do RWI activities everyday in the Hive. All children spend time doing their RWI activities with an adult before following this teaching with activities from their task trays. The children in the Hive are enjoying a variety of reading, writing and spelling activities and games throughout the week and are proud of the progress that they are making.



## Health and Wellbeing

So far this term we have been focusing on routines and keeping each other safe in the room. The children have been learning the importance of good hand hygiene and are now in a good routine of washing their hands before eating and after playing outside. The children have also been taking responsibility for setting the table ready for lunch and have been enjoying lunch together around the table.



This term we are focusing on kindness and being a good friend and the children are enjoying lots of activities based on this. We now have a lovely kindness wall in our room full of post it notes detailing times when children have been observed being kind, The children are working hard to show kindness to each other and other children and adults around the school.