

**Theme: Who lives outdoors and where can we find them?**

Children will explore the homes of minibeasts, animals and prehistoric animals. Children will find out about different habitats commenting on the differences they can see. Children will work practically to explore how to create homes for animals within our outdoor area thinking carefully about different materials and animals needs.

**Words to learn this half term:**

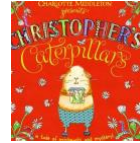
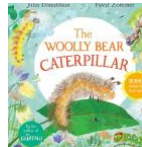
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We will be using all of our senses to explore some exciting activities such as: cooking, planting, arts and crafts.

**Stories**

During the half term many of the activities and learning experiences offered will be focussed around some of the following books:

- The Woolly Bear Caterpillar
- Christopher's Caterpillars
- Things with Wings
- Growing Frogs
- Tadpole's Promise
- The Very Hungry Caterpillar



**Maths**

In maths we will be focusing on the following areas:

- Building numbers to 20 and beyond
- Adding 1 more
- Subtracting 1
- Creating patterns
- 2d and 3 d shapes
- Sharing and grouping
- Exploring maps, giving instructions, and describing positions

**Songs and Rhymes**

- Hickory Dickory
- Head, shoulders, knees and toes
- ABC song
- Twinkl, Twinkl little star
- The Hokey Cokey

**Please remember to:**

- Bring your book bag every day.
- Reading books will be changed weekly. Your child will receive a Rhino reading book which is linked to their phonics learning and they will choose a library book. This book is for you to share with your child to promote reading for pleasure.
- Please aim to read with your child at least 3 times a week.
- Learning and playing in EYFS can be fun and messy. Please feel free to send in spare clothes for you child to change into if needed. Please ensure these are in school colours.
- Write your child's name inside all of their uniform, including coats, wellies and PE kits.
- Bring a warm coat, hat and scarf to school, as the weather gets colder.
- Phonics home learning will be given out daily and will need to be returned the following day. On Friday pupils will also receive a piece of maths work.
- PE is on a **Friday**. Please send your child into school that day wearing black shorts/ leggings/ jogging bottoms, a white t shirt, school sweatshirt and trainers. **Earrings must be removed.**
- Have a look at our school website for the school holiday list and other useful information: [www.cheetwood.manchester.sch.uk](http://www.cheetwood.manchester.sch.uk)