



Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May



This week we have continued our learning about minibeasts the children have been asking and answering many questions about bees, butterflies, ants and ladybirds. We have been wowed by all the children's knowledge of different minibeasts! Nursery have loved Forest School with Mrs. Armstrong and all children have now been up to explore. In our dance sessions throughout the week the children have been moving like different minibeasts; slithering like snails, zooming like flies, scuttling like woodlice, fluttering like butterflies, spinning like spiders and marching like ants.

On Tuesday we had a visit from author and illustrator Lynne Chapman, she read her book 'Bears on the Stairs'. Then Lynne got all of the children's ideas to create a character for a story- we created our own minibeast character. The children really enjoyed listening to her book and getting involved in illustrating.

#### Notice Board/Dates for your Diary

##### TOPIC –**Minibeasts.**

**There are many packed lunches, which have no name on. Please label your child's packed lunch so we know to whom they belong.**

- EYFS trip on 20<sup>th</sup> May to 'Imagine that!'
- Nursery: to help your child become more independent in preparation for Reception please can we ask that parents and carers leave their child at the door over the period of this term: After the May half term we will be asking all Nursery children to come into class independently.
- Please can we remind parents for children not to bring toys into school as we cannot be responsible.

##### At Home

Ideas to help at home – please practice recognising numbers and counting objects.

##### **Reception homework:**

Counting minibeasts.

Go on a minbeast hunt and describing the minibeast you find.

Reading book: it really helps with the children's reading if you read for ten minutes daily!                      Spelling practise.

##### Child Voice

**Grace:** "A queen ants wings fall off"

**Mueez:** "Ants have no eyes"

**Abby:** "Look, Miss I found a number 5 in the hall"

**Nylah:** "I'm going to Forest School!"

##### General Reminders

- Please check out our website blog and leave any comments!: [www.pikefold.manchester.sch.uk](http://www.pikefold.manchester.sch.uk) and click on the EYFS page.
- Please can all clothing be clearly labelled with your child's name.
- As the weather becomes warmer please provide sun hats and sun tan lotion if required.