



# Termly Curriculum Overview Letter

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<b>Term</b>	5		

Welcome to Term 5!

This term our topic is Bugs and Buds

Welcome to our new topic for this term: Bugs and Buds! As we move further into spring, the children will be exploring the natural world around them, learning about new growth, tiny creatures, and the changes we see at this time of year. This is always an exciting topic, full of curiosity, outdoor learning and real-life discovery.

Over the coming weeks, we will be learning all about minibeasts and the important roles they play in our environment.

We will also be exploring springtime buds, learning about how plants grow, and observing changes in our outdoor areas as the weather warms up and planting seeds so the children can watch them grow. This hands-on experience helps them learn about what plants need to survive, observe changes over time, and develop a sense of responsibility as they care for their seedlings.

A very exciting part of our learning this term will be observing the life cycle of a butterfly. We will have our own caterpillars in the classroom, allowing the children to watch them grow, form a chrysalis and eventually emerge as butterflies. This hands-on experience helps the children understand growth and change and encourages them to care for living things with gentleness and curiosity.

We will support this learning with stories, non-fiction books, drawing, sequencing activities and simple scientific vocabulary.

We are also excited to share that we have a school trip planned to Blackberry Farm where the children's learning can truly come to life. They will have the opportunity to explore the natural environment, look for minibeasts in their habitats, observe springtime changes first-hand, and deepen their understanding through real outdoor experiences.

We are looking forward to a wonderful term full of exploration, curiosity and new discoveries

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PSHE will be **Focus: Friendships, Responsibility & Calm Problem Solving**

## Homework

- Please continue to support your child by listening to them read their Little Wandle independent reading book. These will continue to be changed once a week.
- This term, we will also be sending home 'Tricky Word Bookmarks' to help the children learn to read and spell their tricky words. Please practise reading and writing these words with your child regularly at home, if you can—little and often makes a big difference.
- Go on a "minibeast hunt" together in the garden or at the park
- Look for signs of spring—buds, new leaves, blossom

## Christian Value

Each Friday we will continue to present our Light Awards to children who have been showing our school values in action. This term's value is Teamwork.

