



# GRESTONE ACADEMY

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## Reception Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Here is an overview of what will be happening in Reception this half term.

### Curriculum

We will be starting with our next topic “why do ladybirds have spots?” The Early Years Foundation Stage areas will all be covered within this topic.

### Literacy:

We will be reading a variety of stories based on minibeasts and we will also explore how we can learn new information from non-fiction books. We will continue with using our phonic knowledge to write sentences to describe different minibeasts.

### Maths:

We will be continuing to add and subtract. We will begin to record calculations ourselves and look at doubling and sharing a number. We will also look at making patterns, symmetry and capacity. We will also be learning the days of the week song and explore time by looking at clocks.

### Understanding of the World:

We will be searching for minibeasts in the school playgrounds and during our forest school sessions. We will also be learning about the butterfly life cycle.

### Expressive Art and Design:

We will explore musical instruments to make new sounds and explore dance in PE sessions. We will focus on mixing our own colours to paint with in the creative area and explore textured paint.

Kind regards,

Mrs Rudge, Mrs Begum & Miss Hadley