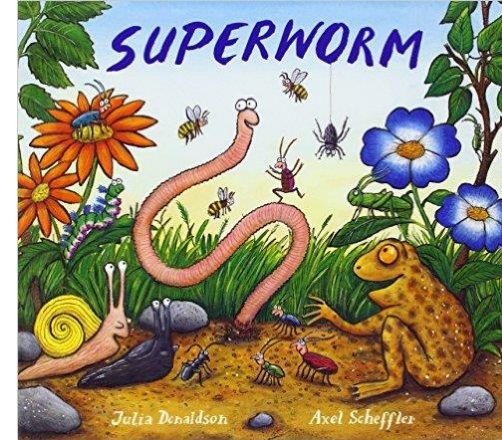


The theme for the first half term is **SUPERWORM** and the Bug Hunters.

We will start with making our own Bug hotel for a display and be exploring different bugs in our minibeast investigation area.

We will also discover and explore some of the other animals that SUPERWORM meets on his journey.

I am hoping the topic will evolve as I get to know the children and find out what they are interested in!



Welcome back Class 2!

As a new teacher to Shortlanesend Primary School I thought it would be a good idea to introduce myself. So, here are a few facts about me!

I started teaching back in 2007 in Oxford at a lovely but challenging school. I enjoyed it so much that I taught there for nearly 7 years! I have taught all ages from Nursery all the way up to Year 4. Year 1 has a special place in my heart though, as my very first class were Year 1! The children from that class are teenagers now! I decided that after 7 years it was time to move on. My next school was a brand new one! In 2013 I took the role of KS1 Leader at a school in Aylesbury. We started with only 60 pupils. Now it has over 200! Although I loved my new school, I was missing Cornwall. I grew up in Truro and decided it was time to move back. So here I am! My family and I are loving being in Cornwall and when I am not working you will probably find me on a beach looking in rockpools and digging in the sand with my two year old son, Archie. My other interests include playing netball, going for walks and having tea and cake!

I look forward to meeting you all properly soon!

Reading Books: All children should have a reading book. If they are on the numbered reading scheme, children should take a quiz on their book at the next opportunity. Their scores will be recorded in their reading records so you can also monitor their success! Please ensure children bring their book bags with reading books and records every day. The school recommends that your child reads at home 5 times a week.

Spelling: Children will bring spellings, linked to their current phonics work, home to practise.

Learning Power

Every week we will focus on a learning power. Week 1 will be **listening**.

Class reward

As a class we are collecting pebbles for a class treat. The children have given me some ideas of what they would like and I will inform parents of these on the school website.

In English

Reading

We will become storytellers and retell the story of Super Worm looking at the different features of the story.
We will be recognising and joining in with predictable phrases.

Writing

We will practice saying out loud what we are going to write about, composing a sentence orally before writing it.
We will begin to sequence our sentences to form short narratives.

Phonics

This half term we will continue to focus on using and applying our phonic understanding when decoding and trying to read new words.

We will learn a new blend everyday and follow the Read Write Inc. scheme to help us make lots of progress with our reading and writing.

In Computing

We will be learning to: Use technology purposefully to create, organise, store, manipulate and retrieve digital content. We will be taking photographs and use them to create our own mini beast fact file.

In Art

We will be learning to: Choose, use and mix our own colours to create quality art work that shows progression in skills. The children will have the opportunity to create their own minibeasts using paint and looking at patterns and colour.

In DT

We will be learning to: Design, plan and make our own Bug Hotel.

In Music

The children will be using their voices expressively and creatively by singing songs and speaking chants and rhymes

In PE

The children will have 2 sessions a week.

On Wednesday afternoon we will be doing Gymnastics and on Thursday afternoon the sports coach will focus on Games.

In Mathematics

Number: Addition & Subtraction

We will be learning to read, write and interpret mathematical statements involving addition (+), subtraction (−) and equals (=) signs
We will represent and use number bonds and related subtraction facts within 20
We will add and subtract one-digit and two-digit numbers to 20, including zero
We will solve one-step problems that involve addition and subtraction, using concrete objects and pictorial representations, and missing number problems such as $7 = \square - 9$.

Time

We will sequence events in chronological order using language [for example, before and after, next, first, today, yesterday, tomorrow, morning, afternoon and evening]
We will recognise and use language relating to dates, including days of the week, weeks, months and years
We will tell the time to the hour and half past the hour and draw the hands on a clock face to show these times

SUPERWORM and the Bug Hunters

French

- Will be taught on Thursdays and the children will be learning the French name of a range of different minibeasts. They will be practicing colours and numbers too.

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- We will be continuing to follow the Cornwall Agreed Syllabus.

In Science

We will be learning to: identify and classify different minibeasts and other animals.
Use our observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions.
Gather and record data to help in answering questions.
Describe and compare the features of minibeasts and other animals and birds.