# Reeth and Gunnerside Schools



# Communication and Language

This half term we will be sharing lots of exciting stories that will support our topic, and our speaking and listening skills. We will explore some of the vocabulary relating to minibeasts and their life cycles. We will share stories including The Very Hungry Caterpillar, The Bad Tempered Ladybird and Aargghh, Spider!







#### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This half term we will start preparing the children for transition and 'stepping up' to their new class. Reception children will be encouraged to be more independent and will be given small tasks to complete with the guidance of an adult, for example, going to collect printing.

Older nursery children will also be encouraged to become more independent when managing themselves and their belongings in the cloakroom and in the classroom.



In RE we will continue to discuss where we belong and what makes us special.

## Physical Development

In our PE lessons, we will develop our coordination and control skills by exploring some traditional sports day games, such as egg and spoon and sack races.



All children will have opportunity to improve their fine motor control both through manipulating craft materials and cutting activities.

# Second Half Summer Term 2024

Early Years

# Our Project: What lives in your garden?



#### Literacy

Our Reception children will continue to practise reading and writing longer phase 4 words, and will continue to write longer sentences and pieces of work with increased independence.

Our Nursery children will continue exploring some early phonics activities, in preparation for moving up to Reception in September. They will also be encouraged to begin writing their names independently.

# Mathematics

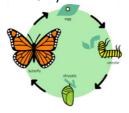
Our Nursery children will consolidate their learning of early number, and the Reception children will further develop their maths skills by exploring the concepts of sharing, grouping and odds and evens.



All children will enjoy learning about spatial reasoning through learning to control our 'beebots!'

### Understanding the World

This half term we will learn about minibeasts; what they are, where they live and why they are important. We will enjoy observing minibeasts in our local environment and will learn all about their lifecycles.



#### Expressive Arts and Design

Our focus on minibeasts will provide lots of exciting opportunities for art and design - we will paint, print,



draw and collage different creatures.

In music, we will continue to sing and perform nursery rhymes and short songs, playing instruments in time to the music.

## Helping at home

Please continue to read your Reception child's reading book 4 times a week, and enjoy sharing stories - talk about what is happening in the pictures and share ideas.

Introduce new words when you are playing, eating or out and about, and explain what they mean.

Have a go at practising writing (and mark making) by writing shopping lists and greeting cards.