

# The Orchards Primary Academy

## Newsletter Nursery

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Dear parents/carers

I hope you are all continuing to be safe and well. The next story we are going to explore is 'Ten Magic Butterflies' coinciding with our new topic 'Minibeasts'. We will also explore a variety of mindfulness activities. This will help to support your child's personal, social, and emotional development during this uncertain time. Enjoy the activities and remember to share any of your child's work on our school Facebook page.



### Literacy

1. Watch the story 'Ten Magic Butterflies' on YouTube or share the book with an adult.
2. Draw a picture of a "Magic Butterfly". Colour it in and ask an adult to help you label your picture.
3. In the story "Ten Magic Butterflies", the magic fairy turned the flowers in to butterflies. This is because the flowers dreamt of learning to fly. Discuss with an adult what magical power you would like and why.
4. Use your 'Read Write Inc.' booklets to practise your letter formation. Have a go at writing the grapheme 'b' for 'butterfly' using the 'Read Write Inc.' rhyme "Down the laces to the heel and around the toe". Check your pronunciation using the jolly phonics songs!

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=10pn2839Kro>

#### Important Information

Continue your home learning by logging on to DB Primary. I am updating this with new work every week!

**HOME  
LEARNING**

### Mathematics

1. In the story 'Ten Magic Butterflies', the magic fairy counts backwards from 10. Can you practise counting up to ten and back from ten using the 'Singing Walrus 1-10 song'? <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=DR-cfDshCGA>
2. In the story 'Ten Magic Butterflies', there are 10 flowers that become 10 butterflies. Can you count the flowers in the story? Remember to touch count each flower to ensure accuracy.
3. Practise your fine motor skills by cutting out the 2D shapes to create a butterfly. Can you name the different shapes? Worksheet can be found on 'DB Primary' under "2D Butterfly Shape Cutting Activity".
4. Practise recognising shapes in the environment using the 'sing along shape song!' <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=w6eTDfKvPmo>

### Expressive arts and Design/ Understanding the world

1. Use a sponge to create a butterfly print. Tie an elastic band around the centre of the sponge, add paint on one side and fold the sponge in half to duplicate the pattern. Now you can print your symmetrical butterfly!
2. Draw a butterfly and create a butterfly collage! Cut out little pieces of paper, tissue paper, wool and string and stick them on to create a beautiful butterfly.
3. Make a moving butterfly using wooden pegs, paper, and card. Instructions can be found on DB primary.

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

1. 'Teddy Bear Meditation' – Lay down on your back and place a teddy bear on your tummy. We need to rock the teddy bear to sleep! Put your arms by your side and breathe in and out. The rise and fall of your tummy and the sound of your breathing will make your teddy bear fall fast asleep.
2. Read your favourite story with an adult. Think about how the characters in the story might be feeling. Discuss how you are feeling today, is it a different feeling to yesterday?
3. Listen to 'The feelings song'! This song helps us to understand our feelings and emotions!  
<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=-J7HcVLsCrY&t=29s>

## Mindfulness Activities

1. Cosmic Kids – Yoga and Nursery Rhymes

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=YKmRB2Z3g2s>

2. Cosmic Kids – Go on a T-Rex Yoga Adventure!

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=rnlDBKD2S78>

3. Cosmic Kids – Minibeasts – 'Coco the Butterfly Yoga'

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=pT-s1-phgxs>

4. Create your own sensory bottle or jar. Find an empty plastic bottle or container and fill it halfway with items of your choice. This could be resources such as sequins, glitter, beads, and food colouring. Next, add some water to your choice of container and seal the lid extremely tight with tape. Move your sensory container side to side and up and down and watch how your resources move and create beautiful patterns.

5. Make a fairy garden outside for the magical fairies. Use natural resources such as stones, pebbles, leaves, flowers, and grass.

4. 'I have feelings song'

[https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=eMOnyPxE\\_w8](https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=eMOnyPxE_w8)