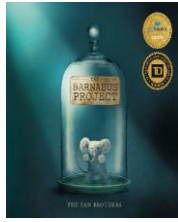


# Mini-beasts

w/c 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024

## Book of the week

We are focusing on 'The Barnabus Project'.



**Words of the week:** Perfect / failed

Here is the book linked to this week:

<https://youtu.be/f7TVpVcMpHQ>

## Spelling bee



Words for the week: **up, want**

On Friday the children will be recording these two words independently in their book. **Please work on these words at home using the correct letter formation.**

## Maths

This week we will be focusing on 2D shapes. The children will be developing their ability to identify a range of 2D shapes in their environment and to describe their properties including corners, sides etc.

## Vocabulary used

Triangle, square, rectangle, circle, hexagon, pentagon, octagon, side, straight, curved, round, corner



## Phonics – Digraphs

The children have now been taught all the single phonemes (sounds) and we are now going to start learning digraphs. Children are first taught what a digraph is, by explaining that a digraph is two letters that make one sound, for example, 'sh', 'ch' and 'ng'. Every week the children will be learning some new digraphs. We will be linking these new digraphs to sounds within words and objects, spelling simple words containing these digraphs and forming letters correctly. At school we will continue to meet new characters, which are shown below through songs and stories.



We will also continue writing simple sentences focusing on the simple punctuation capital letters, finger spaces (between words) and full stops during our phonics lessons.

Please support your child's letter formation by using Phonics Shed to make sure that they are forming letters correctly. Many Thanks!

## New digraph characters

Here are the new characters we will meet this week.

A link is attached to show you a short clip from Phonics Shed to ensure the correct pronunciation and action is carried out.

 <p><b>Wing the duckling</b>  <a href="#">Phonics Shed - Guidance Video - ng</a>  <a href="#">Wing the Duckling - YouTube</a></p> <p><u>long</u></p>	 <p><b>Charlie the chicken</b>  <a href="#">Phonics Shed - Guidance Video - ch</a>  <a href="#">Charlie the Chicken (youtube.com)</a></p> <p><u>much</u></p>	 <p><b>Blush the brush</b>  <a href="#">Phonics Shed - Guidance Video - sh</a>  <a href="#">Blush the Brush (youtube.com)</a></p> <p><u>wish</u></p>	 <p><b>Theo the moth</b>  <a href="#">Phonics Shed - Guidance Video - Unvoiced th</a>  <a href="#">Theo the Moth (youtube.com)</a></p> <p><u>think</u></p>	 <p><b>The weatherman</b>  <a href="#">Phonics Shed - Guidance Video - Voiced th</a>  <a href="#">The Weatherman - YouTube</a></p> <p><u>than</u></p>
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## Tricky words

We will be learning some new tricky words this term which contain the digraphs we are focusing on. The tricky words this week are below. These will come home as a bingo card at the end of the week for you to use at home.

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### **Forest school (Monday)**

This week in Forest school we will be focusing on making Barnabas some friends using different natural resources including sticks, stones and leaves etc. We will also start a mini-beast hunt and discover those found in our local environment, so we can further learn about these.

### **PE**

This week we will be developing our object control by bouncing a ball of different sizes independently, with a partner or small group.

We will carry develop these through a rotation of activities including target games and partner work.

### **Next week**

The week beginning Monday 15th April is 'Maths Open Week' You are invited to come and visit your child's Maths lesson. Decide which day is best for you to visit and then complete the form using the link for your child's class below no later than Friday 12th April. Our Maths lessons will start at 8.50am.

**YR Inkpen – Mrs Tench/Mrs Pritchard**

<https://forms.office.com/e/NxLqUHbz7E>

**YR Dodd – Mrs Trow**

<https://forms.office.com/e/WgWSec4i4k>