

ACACIA NURSERY HOME LEARNING

Summer Term – Week 1 – Writing

Week beginning 20th April

Book of the week: Mad about Minibeasts by Giles Andreae and David Wojtowycz

Writing Task – to create a minibeast fact file

Adult input: ask your child to pick a minibeast to write about. They may want to research about it prior to writing. Look at a picture of chosen minibeast and talk about the minibeast's features. There is a minibeast information pack on the website that may help your child to find out interesting facts about their chosen minibeast. If you have a camera your child could go on a minibeast hunt and take photos of minibeasts that they could also include in their fact file.

Step 1 - Draw minibeast - encourage child to draw the minibeast. You may need to model the drawing process to your child and give prompts regarding features that need to be included. You may need to model how to hold a pencil correctly.

Step 2 - Label drawing – encourage child to try and hear sounds in words and use phonics knowledge to label their drawing. They may only be able to hear the first sound and maybe the end sound. As they progress, they will be able to hear other sounds. It is good for children to have a go and make phonetically plausible attempts at spelling rather than copying the words. You can help with this by emphasising the sound in the words. For example, when saying 'wings' you could emphasise the 'w' 'ing' and 's' sound and encourage child to break the words up into sounds. This will help them with spelling.

Extension – encourage child to write sentences about the minibeast. They may need to be reminded of tricky words. Encourage children to segment to spell and don't correct child if spelling is incorrect as this stage just encourage child to use phonics knowledge to make attempts.

It is really important for your child not to lose confidence or to be put off writing at this early stage so please be patient with your child and offer lots of praise and positive feedback.

Feedback - I would love to see your child's writing attempts so that I can provide next steps and ideas to support you child's development. Please take photos of writing and send to me hrose21.320@lgflmail.org.

