



## HOME LEARNING

YEAR 2

8/07/20

### Morning Message

Good morning Year 2,  
Here is the zoom meeting ID, which will be the same for all lessons.

**604 584 9817**

Your parents will receive the password via email.

We hope you all had a good nights and are ready to enjoy today's learning and zoom lessons. We're pleased to see that most of you completed your Mathletics tasks yesterday. Those yet to complete them please ensure that it's completed today.

Here's another riddle to wake you up!

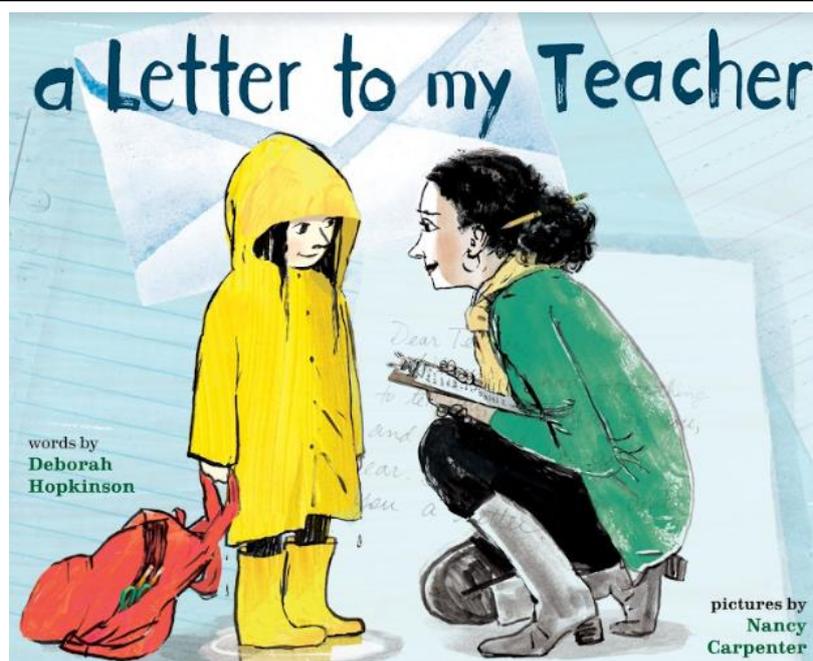
Riddle: **What can't talk but will reply when spoken to?**

The answer will be revealed tomorrow, so get your thinking caps on!

We hope you have a lovely day everyone!

Mr Duker, Ms Bastick and Mr Kai

### Picture of the Week



## Writing

### **LO: To write the body of a letter.**

Using our plans from Monday, we are going to write 3 detailed paragraphs about:

- our interests outside of school
- our interests in school
- what we are looking forward to next year

Try to make it interesting for your teacher to read! Maybe you could include some interesting facts about yourself or the world?

At the end of your letter, sign off. We do not want our letter to be too serious so any of the following would be fine:

- See you soon
- Best wishes
- Can't wait for next year
- Have a lovely break

Or maybe you can think of your own?

**Tip for success: write full sentences, write clear paragraphs, include interesting facts about yourself, use capital letters and full stops,**

# Minibeasts

Minibeasts are a group of animals that are all 'invertebrates'. This is a term for animals that do not have a backbone. Minibeasts can be found in many contrasting environments. They are able to survive and thrive in places that other animals wouldn't be able to, such as in tiny cracks in walls and within the soil beneath our feet. In the United Kingdom, there are well over 30,000 different species of minibeast, such as stag beetles, caterpillars and snails. The appearance of minibeasts can vary greatly. Some species, like ladybirds, are able open their shells to release wings, allowing them to fly. Other species such as earthworms are able to generate slime, which allows them to move easily underground. There are also species like caterpillars and millipedes that have elongated bodies and a large number of legs. Some are coloured to allow them to easily hide on leaves and branches.



### In the Garden

Gardens hold a dizzying array of minibeasts. Honeybees and bumblebees are often found in the vicinity of flowering plants. They are incredibly important to the life of the garden as they collect pollen to make honey and by hopping from flower to flower, they transfer the pollen to the parts of the plant needed for more flowers and plants to grow. This is known as pollination.

Minibeasts need the right conditions in which to thrive. If a garden or park has a hedge skirting round it, you might be lucky enough to find a stag beetle. These are the largest insects in Britain, and can grow up to 7cm long. They have a hard outer shell, known as an exoskeleton, and large, extended jaws that look like the antlers on a deer's head. Finding a stag beetle is increasingly rare as they are quickly becoming extinct. Soon, this species will have disappeared from the United Kingdom forever. If you are on the hunt for beetles, the best places to find them are dark and moist. They especially like to hide in rotting wood and leaves, as they have food and also somewhere to live in safety.

### In Ponds and Rivers

Minibeasts are also found in ponds and rivers. There are insects that spend their entire lives in or near water. Minibeasts tend to have brief lives, with most living much less than a year. A large number of minibeasts begin their lives as larvae (babies) born in water and then once they have matured to adulthood, they may then have the ability to fly or live on land. Insects like dragonflies and mayflies emerge from larvae, transforming into large, four-winged insects which spend the rest of their lives on the tall reeds and grasses that surround the water. Not all minibeasts that live in ponds and rivers are insects. Some spiders live in water. Because water spiders don't have gills they have a clever way to get the air they need to breathe. They spin webs on the surface and collect air bubbles to fill it. They use these air bubbles to breathe whenever they need to!

# Questions about Minibeasts

Answer in full sentences.

1. Name two places where you might find a minibeast.

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2. Why can't you see a ladybird's wings if it isn't flying?

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3. Where would you look if you were trying to find a beetle?

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4. Why are bees important?

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5. Why is it hard to find a stag beetle?

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6. How are stag beetles different from earthworms? Give two ways.

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7. How do water spiders make sure they can breathe?

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8. Write a short description of a minibeast you have seen. Use adjectives to give a full description.

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Continue reading your own book afterwards. Remember to read out to an adult.

**Phonics focus this week:** common exception words

Watch this clip to support learning

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kq4rDi2CigU&t=31s>



- 4 Music starts at quarter past 1. It ends at ten minutes to 2.  
Art starts at twenty-five minutes past 2 and ends at 3 o'clock.  
Which is longer?

- A The art lesson is longer.    C They are the same.  
B The music lesson is longer.

- 5 A car is parked on Thursday morning at this time.  
It can stay for 24 hours. When does it have to move?



- A On Friday at ten minutes to 11 in the night.  
B On Thursday at ten minutes to 11 in the night.  
C On Friday at ten minutes past 11 in the day.  
D On Friday at ten minutes to 11 in the day.

## Think!

The answers to these times have been given to you.

Explain how you know whether they are right.



twenty-five minutes past 6



twenty minutes to 3



These words might help you.

hour hand

minute hand

Practice book 2C p85

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**Now complete pages 85 and 86 in your power maths 2C books.**

Tuesday and Thursday: Go on the Mathletics website to complete the tasks that have been set.  
<https://www.mathletics.com/uk/>

## Weekly Spellings

Revise these common exception words over the week to be tested on them on Friday.

(See word list below)

1. gold
2. fast
3. class
4. path
5. who
6. whole
7. many
8. busy
9. Christmas
10. beautiful
11. because
12. should

## Foundation Subjects Work (for the week)

### Review of Year 2

Your task for this week on Purple Mash is to write a review of year 2. Please include two things you really enjoyed and the reasons why. Two things you found hard but got there in the end! Think about two things you would do differently and two things you would change. You could also include some things you are looking forward to in year 3!



**REVIEW OF  
THE YEAR**

### Diary

Write a diary of what work and activities you did today. Remember to include your emotions and opinions.