

### Physical Development

- Minibeast moving
- Minibeast playdough
- Sticky web tuff tray
- Spider catching
- Scissor skills
- Fine motor pencil control

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Sense of responsibility—looking after butterflies
- Encourage meeting own care needs
- Select and use resources to build minibeast homes.
- Minibeast small world role play

### Communication and Language

- Two part instructions to find hidden minibeasts.
- Stimulate vocabulary through photos of minibeasts and their habitats.
- Minibeast songs and rhymes.
- Rhyming language.
- Minibeast costumes and masks to recreate stories.

### Literacy

Shared texts—  
The hungry caterpillar  
The very greedy bee  
Cody the caterpillar

### Writing—

- Use a wide range of mark making implements
- Begin to write the first letter of their name
- Following over the pattern of their initial—moving on to beginning to write other letters within their name.
- Mark make in shaving foam, rice, sand, dough etc

## Nursery Theme 'Minibeasts' Spring term 2 2023



\*Plans subject to change inline with pupils interests\*

### Maths

- Counting by rote—counting bugs  
Saying one number for each object.
- Fast numeral recognition
- Prepositions of mini beasts in tuff tray
- Extend ABAB pattern recognition
- Sharing between two.

### Characteristics of effective learning

#### Playing and exploring

- \* Showing curiosity with new objects, textures
- \* PDR sessions - enabling children to initiate their own play and interests

#### Active Learning

- \* Outdoor provision—learning about new equipment and how to use it safely.

#### Creating and Thinking Critically

- \* Investigate materials by testing ideas, theories and predictions
- \* Outdoor provision

### Understanding of the World

- Life cycle of a butterfly
- Bug hotel
- Butterfly farm
- Celebrations—Mother's Day, Easter, St David's Day, St Patrick's Day
- Create minibeast worlds in tuff tray

### Expressive Arts and Design

- Create a bug hotel
- Collect resources for imaginative role play
- Develop more complex language through role play
- Musical instruments to express sounds for how minibeasts move.
- Opportunities for fine motor skills—adding shapes for wings, body etc.

We will explore what are minibeasts and where might we find them?



## Nursery Mini

We will be looking at minibeasts and their habitats

### Minibeasts



We will be looking at different celebrations that are happening during this half term, including Mothering Sunday, Lent, Easter, St David's day and St Patrick's Day.



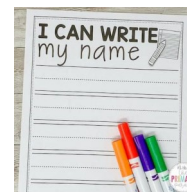
We will be looking at bug habitats, building our own bug hotel and also nurturing our very own butterfly farm!



We will concentrate on numeral recognition



Name writing....



This half term we will be making our role play area into a minibeasts investigation lab!



Welly Wednesday's.



Please bring in your welly boots, coats, hats and gloves.

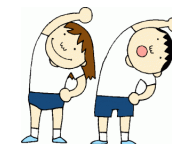
Challenge....

Can you spot minibeasts at home, in your garden or whilst out? Can you take pictures and send them to Mrs Taylor?

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P.E. Day— Monday



Please bring in your indoor PE kit (black shorts & white T-shirt)