

Summer Term One 2023 Theme Focus: Down at the bottom of the garden

<p>Week beginning 17th April Caterpillar and butterfly books</p>	<p>Set up baby clinic in classroom (midwife visit, baby visit?) plus minibeast dressing up out, wings outside Hopefully we will have some frogspawn to observe Stick songs and rhythm songs: banana milkshake, peanut butter, hot potato pass it on Caterpillar printing pictures Observing butterflies in the butterfly garden Talk about the Muslim festival of Eid al-Fitr Literacy- insect alliteration and initial sounds Making symmetrical pictures with paint and mirrors and shapes Growing cress and sunflower seeds Planting fruit, flowers, herbs and veg in the garden</p>
<p>Week beginning 24th April Ladybird stories and non-fiction books about ladybirds</p>	<p>Percussion: drumming, stick songs from around the world Ladybird larvae to observe Insect themed yoga Learning about different parts of a plant and what plants need to grow Ladybird puppets: 1 to 1 correspondence, adding how many altogether (ladybird rhyme: taking 1 away, extend to 10 ladybirds and taking 2 away) Weeding and planting in the garden Literacy- pencil control insect sheets, using alliteration to name our insects (eg Laura Ladybird) Minibeast hunts in the garden</p>
<p>Weeks beginning 1st and 8th May Non-fiction books about bees and other minibeasts (snail trail)</p>	<p>Monday 1st: bank holiday Tuesday 2nd : INSET day Monday 8th: INSET day Music: Bee music by Rimsky-Korsakov: response by drawing and moving Circle games: bear and honeypot, snail snail (spiral game) Bee and pollen science experiment, learn about the importance of bees Making bird feeders for the garden Talking about the King's coronation: songs, stories and power point, street party in the garden Literacy- EYFS: Listen and Play - Minibeasts - BBC Teach Recognising letters- bee game Making maps of the garden: on paper, on wood or card with natural resources (outside): snail trail or What the ladybird heard as inspiration Weeding and planting in the garden</p>

<p>Week beginning 15th May Strawberry fayre on Saturday Stories and non-fiction books about frogs</p>	<p>STRAWBERRY FAYRE - Saturday 20th Strawberry Fayre games and preparation: spin the arrow, milk the cow Literacy- Create menus and signs for the Strawberry Fayre Frogspawn and frog life cycle: 5/10 little speckled frogs with parachute Creating frogspawn picture using bubble wrap Frog actions- log rolls, frog hops etc Making insect homes in the nursery garden</p>
<p>Week beginning 22nd May Stories and non-fiction books about spiders</p>	<p>Focus group: minibeasts in 2 gardens: subitising and the conservation of number Make our own spider: 8 legs, 8 eyes Literacy- write our own insect rhyme based on 'there was an old lady who swallowed a fly' Moving through a giant spider's web (gross motor) Using tweezers to catch the spiders in the web (fine motor) Turn the outdoor shelter into a garden centre</p>

Focus activities for observation/assessment purposes

Books of the week

Please note that we often follow the children's interests so some of the activities may change.