

Summer Term One 2024 Theme Focus: Minibeasts

<p>Week beginning 15th April Caterpillar and butterfly books Hungry caterpillar</p>	<p>Set up hairdressers role play in classroom. Minibeast dressing up out and wings outside <u>Hungry caterpillar yoga</u> (cosmic kids) Literacy: letter wands (matching and initial sounds) Maths: Making symmetrical pictures with paint and mirrors and shapes Bean growing experiment: life cycle of a bean Observational oil pastel pictures in the garden Water exploration (water tray, solar panel water fountain, watering garden) Planting vegetables and herbs in the garden</p>
<p>Week beginning 22nd April Ladybird stories and non-fiction books about ladybirds What the ladybird heard The Bad-tempered ladybird</p>	<p>Clear tray: red rice and ladybirds Maths: Ladybird puppets: 1 to 1 correspondence, adding how many altogether (ladybird rhyme: taking 1 away, extend to 10 ladybirds and taking 2 away) Ladybird spots game Literacy: minibeast rhyming and initial sounds games Creating healthy plate collages and menus Minibeast hunts in the garden Using natural materials to create bug houses for the garden Reading and creating maps of the garden based on map in What the ladybird heard story Minibeast actions with large dice Forest school session Monday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons</p>
<p>Weeks beginning 29th April Non-fiction books about bees and worms Superworm The giant jam sandwich</p>	<p>Music: Flight of the bumble bee music by Rimsky-Korsakov: response by drawing and moving Clear tray: spaghetti and mud (worms!) Growing cress- Sam's seed story Literacy: letter and sound correspondence, cvc words/ writing under tables (like worms underground!) Maths: cars and guttering with numbered lines outside Making a wormery Continue with planting in the garden Forest school session Monday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons</p>

<p>Week beginning 6th & 13th May Bank hol Mon 6th INSET day Tuesday 7th Strawberry fayre on Saturday 18th Stories and non-fiction books about frogs and spiders The very busy spider Spinderella</p>	<p>Strawberry Fayre games and preparation: spin the arrow, milk the cow, smash the egg Fine motor: Bug rescue Observe frogspawn/ tadpoles (hopefully!) Frog life cycle powerpoint and film clip Sorting minibeasts by wings/ number of legs/ colour etc Literacy: Writing signs/invites for strawberry fayre. Spider tray writing PSED: Create a friendship web Frogspawn and frog life cycle: 5 little speckled frogs with parachute Maths: Frogs on logs activity Large spiders web chalked to balance along Sticky webs in the garden Potions in the mud kitchen Forest school session Monday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons</p>
<p>Week beginning 20th May Stories and non-fiction books about snails Snail trail Snail and the whale Norman the slug</p>	<p>PSED: should I share my ice cream story and activity What am I? Minibeasts feely bag Lit: create our own 'Very Hungry Caterpillar' book Planting sunflower seeds to take home Looking at Van Gogh's sunflowers and painting our own Building dens in the garden using material, pegs etc, discuss why some material is better, where the best area is, what happens if it rains etc Camping resources out Creating snail trails with paintbrushes Forest school session Monday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons</p>

Focus activities for observation/assessment purposes

Outdoor/ garden focus

Books of the week

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