

Understanding of the World:

We will be:

- Learning facts about different minibeasts and their habitats.
- Learning about the life cycles of butterflies and frogs.
- Explore the minibeasts living in our local environment e.g gardens and outdoor spaces.
- We will talk about our own local environment and how we are able to help look after our environment .

Expressive Art and Design:

The children will be encouraged to use resources to create their own music, dance and narratives through play.

We will be...

- Making clay models of minibeasts.
- Learning minibeast themed songs.
- Combining materials and textures to create our own minibeast themed artwork.

Mathematics:

- Introducing numbers 11 - 20, Counting on and counting back.
- Finding 1 more/less than a number up to 20.
- Ordering numbers 0 to 20 and random sets.
- Digit formations 0-9.
- Doubling - using objects to double an amount e.g spots on ladybirds.
- Weight- to describe, order and compare items by weight.

Physical Development:

- Children will be challenged through a variety of gross and fine motor activities and games which develop the children's balance, coordination, strength, control and agility.
- Activities to develop pencil grip, strength, coordination and control.
- We will be learning about the importance of eating healthy foods and a balanced diet.
- Children will also be given a variety of Cosmic Yoga and mindfulness activities to support their wellbeing.

RE:

Good News: The children will know and understand that everyone has good news to share. They will learn about Pentecost, the celebration of Good News about Jesus.

Islam: The children will be introduced to special things from the Islamic religion E.g. Prayer Mats, The Quran, The Mosque.

Minibeasts



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Exciting Experiences:

- Observe real live caterpillars and their lifecycle.
- Minibeasts of the week- Learning fun facts about a variety of minibeasts.
- At the end of the topic we will dress up as our favourite Minibeast for our Bug Ball.

Music:

The children will continue with their exciting music lessons with Mrs Roberts .
In class we will be learning different songs and action songs related to our class Minibeast topic.

P.E: Jasmine REAL PE Topics- Jungle & Cat

Literacy-Reading, Writing and Phonics:

- During this half term we will continue to learn and revise Phase 2/3 sounds, and focus on learning phase 3 Tricky Words and 100 High Frequency Words .
- Through handwriting we will practise cursive letter formation families and encourage children to use cursive letter formations independently in their writing.
- Writing -We will write about 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and create our own 'The Very Hungry/Busy....??' stories.
- 'Who am I?' riddles - The children will write clues about their favourite minibeast for others to guess their minibeast.
- Write own non fiction books about the life cycles of a butterfly and a frog.
- Texts we will focus on:**
- The Very Hungry Caterpillar,
- The Bad Tempered ladybird.
- The Very Busy Spider.
- Non-fiction Minibeast information and texts.

Communication and Language:

- We will send out weekly speaking and listening challenges.
- We will encourage the children to discuss and review information about their new 'Minibeast' topic.
- We will encourage them to investigate, discuss and explore different minibeasts and their habitats.
- Through discussion and games we will support the children to use the correct past, present and future tenses when speaking.
- We will play the game 'What am I?', where children have to guess which minibeast is hiding from the clues given to describe the minibeast or its habitat.

Personal, social and emotional development:

- We will encourage children to negotiate their ideas as part of a group during conversation and play.
- Throughout the topic the children will develop their own goals based on something they would like to achieve. At the end of the half term we will discuss how the children met their goal and what helped them to do it.
- We will then have a Class / Google Classroom celebration ceremony to celebrate everyone's achievements.