

Mad about Minibeasts: 7 Weeks

Date: 7th June – 29th July 2021
 Healthy Eating Week - 14th - 18th June
 Art Week – 28th June – 2nd July



Personal, Social & Emotional Development

- PSHE – Healthy eating, moving my body and the importance of sleep.
- PSHE – What have we enjoyed about being in Reception?
- School value – Fairness
- Showing care and concern for living things and the environment.
- Considering the consequences of our words and actions for themselves and others.
- Preparing for Year 1.

Expressive Art & Design

(All linked to stories and interests)

- Weekly music sessions including songs related to minibeasts and playing percussive instruments
- Minibeast masks and puppets
- Collage of minibeast habitats
- Modelling with recycled materials and 3D shapes
- Small world activities
- Construction using blocks and lego
- Role play – making masks and puppets
- Minibeast collage
- Home Project- children research an minibeast of their choice and present it on Tapestry.
- Art Week – 28th June – 2nd July

Understanding the World

- Minibeasts – characteristics, what they eat, where do they live?
- Minibeast hunting.
- Pollution and Deforestation – What are we doing to protect our environment?
- Similarities and differences between minibeasts habitats.
- Minibeasts camouflage in their environment
- Changes in our environment from spring to summer - similarities and differences between seasons.
- Life cycles of minibeasts
- Changes in our environment over time
- Technology – Using drawing tools on the interactive whiteboard.
- Trip to the local park for an end of year celebration picnic.



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Physical Development

- Weekly PE lessons.
- Showing confidence in using the climbing frame and transverse wall.
- Show control on throwing, catching and kicking.
- Shows understanding that good practices with regard to exercise, eating, sleeping and hygiene can contribute to good health.
- What happens to our body when we exercise?
- Outside play area – including digging & gardening.
- Minibeast movements & life cycles.
- Sports Day

Communication & Language + Literacy

(Reading & Writing)

- Revise all Phase 2 & 3 Letters & Sounds
- Introduce Phase 4 Letters & Sounds
- Read and write Phase 2 & 3 Tricky words
- Reading High Frequency Words
- Read Phase 4 Tricky Words
- Letter names
- Capital letters
- Blending and segmenting
- Reading and writing lists, labels, captions and sentences
- Reading and spelling CVC and two-syllable words
- Letter formation
- Speaking/listening activities
- Story boards and maps
- Story writing (Story mountain)
- Minibeast fact files and clues
- Recounts
- Poems & riddles
- Lists of our favourite minibeasts
- Sharing stories with peers

Maths

- Number recognition, counting & ordering (0-20).
- 1 More & 1 Less than a given number.
- Using + and = signs.
- Number bonds to 10.
- Counting on and back from a given number.
- Sharing, halving and doubling objects.
- 2D/3D Shape.
- Repeated patterns & minibeast patterns.
- Money – recognising coins and adding 1p coins.
- Time- o'clock and ordering daily routines.
- Measuring height, weight and length using standard measurements.