



Spring Term 2



Minibeast Madness

What discoveries will you make?

Intent:

We hope the children develop a fascination and respect for the Natural World around us. We want them to understand key facts about minibeasts and ask questions to find out more. We also want them to understand the importance of caring for the environment and the impact they can have on living things. We will be developing our sentence writing as the children write facts and stories about minibeasts. We will also look at number composition, doubling and halving and symmetry using butterflies.

Implementation~ Our Sticky Knowledge Aims:

Key

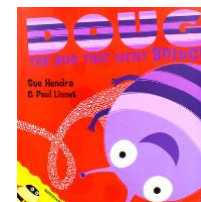
information children will learn

- ❖ Key facts about a range of minibeasts; from bees and butterflies to ladybirds and many more!
- ❖ An understanding of the life cycle of a butterfly- with real life caterpillars to watch as they develop
- ❖ Understand the importance of minibeasts, such as bees, and how humans have an impact on the Natural World around us
- ❖ Understand the key features of a non-fiction book and how books can be used to find out information
- ❖ To plant seeds to add to our EYFS garden to make it inviting for minibeasts

Subject Specific Vocabulary we will use:

metamorphosis	When a metamorphosis occurs, a person, insect or thing develops and changes into something completely different- like a caterpillar developing into a butterfly!
larvae	An immature free-living form of many insects that develops into a different adult form by metamorphosis
Cocoon/ Chrysalis	A cocoon is a covering of silky threads that the larvae of moths and other insects make for themselves before they grow into adults

Exciting Books:



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habitat	The habitat of an animal or plant is the natural environment in which it normally lives or grows
recycle	If you recycle things that have already been used, such as bottles or sheets of paper, you process them so that they can be used again

Support available for children:

- WellComm and NELI interventions for Speech & Language
- Phonics and writing booster sessions to promote key reading and writing skills
- Maths booster sessions to develop understanding of key mathematical concepts, such as number composition
- Regular reading with an adult using individual reading books matched to Phonics Development

Teachers will discuss with parents if they have any concerns about a child's learning and development.

Children will Experience and Explore:

- ❖ Observe real life caterpillars as they grow and develop and explore minibeasts outside in our garden
- ❖ Explore the life cycle of caterpillars
- ❖ Plant seeds and understand what a plant needs to grow
- ❖ Explore materials and sort objects into different categories- ready to recycle them!
- ❖ To understand what recycling means and explore how important recycling is to our natural environment
- ❖ The children will listen to and perform poetry from Poetry Basket.

Impact: Where did our previous learning journey take us?

Our last topic of 'Once Upon a Time' developed the children's story telling skills. We read a range of traditional tales and talked about the different characters using a variety of adjectives. The children talked about their favourite parts of stories and wrote their own sentences to describe story events. The children explored puppets and costumes to retell stories using new vocabulary. We also had an exciting visit from a Theatre Company and watched a performance of The Gingerbread Man. We also baked gingerbread biscuits! The Three Little Pigs helped the children learn about different materials and their properties. We also practised automatic recall of number bonds to 5. The children have been great at subitising- working towards recognising amounts to 5 without counting.