

Share fiction and non-fiction books about different minibeasts. Ask your child key questions...What can you see on the front cover? What do you think the story is about? What will happen next? How does the character feel? Look at the illustrations. What can you see? How will the story end?
Make up your own bug story verbally or make your own book.

- Talk to your child about how we care for minibeasts.
- Look at various life cycles (frogs, chicks, butterflies, plant).



- Help your child to learn about height and length. Order objects by height and length. Who is the tallest and shortest in your family? Spot the tallest and shortest flowers in your garden. Make a kite with a long piece of string and a short piece of string. Which works best?
- Look at the patterns on a butterfly and discuss
- Sort minibeasts into categories e.g. spots, legs, wings
- Make a repeating pattern caterpillar



Creative ideas for home...

- Minibeast collages
- Junk model minibeasts
- Draw, paint or collage symmetrical butterflies
- Thread a caterpillar pasta necklace
- Make a caterpillar sock puppet
- Make a finger print caterpillar



Our theme this half term is...

Minibeasts

Our Core Book this half term is...

The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle

Our core book will be sent home with every child to share during the term alongside an activity pack.

In mathematics we will be focusing on shape, pattern, height, length and weight through simple problem solving activities.

Out and about...

- Go on a minibeast hunt in the woods/park/garden
- Go on a spider web walk
- Dig for worms
- Go on a snail hunt
- Create your own bug hotel



Talk to your child about all the things you spot. Find out more by reading books and researching online.



Encourage your child to carry out simple problem solving activities when out and about and around home e.g.

- Involve your child in the supermarket shop by asking questions...Are there enough oranges here for you to have one everyday? We have 5 strawberries if I eat 1 how many will be left?



CHALLENGE

Every morning at the start of Nursery we are going to have a sign in register located on the workshop table. Please support your child to 'write' their name. Remember all children are at different levels of mark-making so we may see names or simple marks. Anything is fantastic and encouraging your child to do this will support their name writing experience.

Key Dates

27/4/17 AM trip to Harlow Carr

1/5/17 School Closed Bank Holiday

2/5/17 PM trip to Harlow Carr

23/5/17 Learning Journey Drop In. Please pop into the Nursery and share your child's Learning Journey with them **AM 8:30-8:50am / PM 12:15-12:35pm**

26/5/17 Ugly Bug Ball. We will send out a letter with further details. We will also be having a visit from Mrs Bazely from Tiny Signers. Letter with more details to follow.