

Summer Term 1 2023

# 'Minibeasts & Growing'

## What we are learning this half term...

We will be focusing our learning around 'minibeasts and growing' this half term. We have started off the term learning about spiders and the children have been excited to make their own spider from playdough. We will be looking at various minibeasts such as caterpillars, bees and ladybugs, so it would be good to talk to your child and do some research on the different minibeasts and how we care for them. We will also be thinking about the things that grow in our garden and planting our own sunflowers. We hope to end with a fantastic 'Ugly Bug Ball', so get thinking about those outfits!

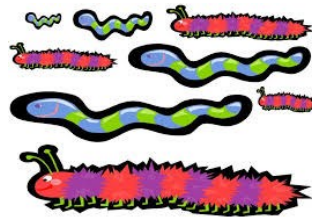
### Maths

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.

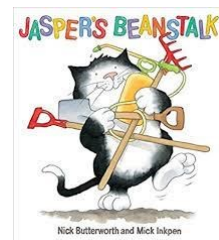
Sort minibeasts into categories e.g. spots, legs, wings.

Make a repeating pattern caterpillar.



### Core Story

Our core story is "Jasper's Beanstalk" by Nick Butterworth.



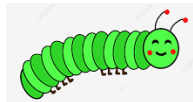
### Baking

This half term we are making Rocky Road.



### Songs

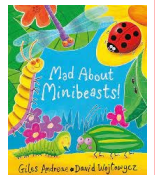
We will be sending out a song sheet, with songs like 'Five Little Caterpillars' and 'Wiggly Woo'. We hope you have fun singing these with your child.



### Reading

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.



### Termly Challenge

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 e.g. are there enough oranges here for you to have one every day?
- We have 5 strawberries. If I eat 1 how many will be left?



### Creative ideas for home

- Go on a minibeast hunt in the woods/park/garden.
- Make a minibeast collage.
- Dig for worms and make a wormery.
- Create your own bug hotel.
- Plant sunflowers and see how tall they grow.
- Research minibeasts and make your own fact file.