

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Discuss fear of certain minibeasts.

Caring for the environment and our minibeasts - set of rules.

The Bad-Tempered Ladybird.

R.E.: What can we learn from stories?

(Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Sikhism)



Physical Development

Outdoor team games.

Minibeast action cards.



Fine motor -handwriting practice (labelling parts of minibeasts), scissor skills (cutting out minibeasts for lifecycle), playdough (making different minibeasts), finger gym games (tweezers to sort minibeasts).

Communication and Language

Literacy

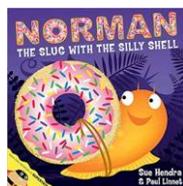
Texts: Norman the Slug with the Silly Shell, The Very Hungry Caterpillar, The Bad Tempered Ladybird, a range of non-fiction books

Writing labels, lists, sentences and captions about a minibeast.

Story sequencing.

Lifecycle writing.

Phonics: using Fred in your head to read words; using Fred Fingers to break words into their sounds; reading sentences and simple stories and spelling some tricky red words. Talking about what has been read.



Understanding the World

Habitats of different minibeasts. Minibeast hunt.

Identifying similarities and differences between minibeasts.

Sorting minibeasts by given criteria.

Choosing own criteria to sort minibeasts.

LIVE caterpillar lifecycle

Technology: Top Marks: Counting spots on a ladybird, ordering numbers in ascending and descending order on a caterpillar.



Reception Minibeasts 3 weeks May



Mathematics

Ordering numbers to 20 starting at different points and with random numbers.

Counting reliably up to 20 objects.

Addition and subtraction of small groups.

Counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.

Estimating number of minibeasts.

Measuring lengths of different minibeasts - ordering.

Doubling ladybird spots.

Symmetry - symmetrical butterflies.

Create repeating patterns for a caterpillar.

Minibeast tally/ pictogram from minibeast hunt.



Expressive Arts and Design

Indoor role-play: Minibeast identification station

Outdoor role-play: Minibeast hunt; making a home for a minibeast using junk modelling. Outdoor easel for painting. Chalks - making a spider's web.

Make a paper plate ladybird/bumble bee.

Exploring colour mixing of paints to make the shell of a snail become lighter by adding white.

Music: Minibeast songs - use musical instruments.

