

Physical Development -

Move in a variety of ways - like bugs. Fast, slow, slithering, jumping, crawling, running, creeping

Daily handwriting / letter formation

Outdoor letter practice with chalk.

Paintbrush control - painting recognisable pictures.

Work on cutting skills in cutting area - develop books about minibeasts and mini beast 2D shape pictures

Manipulation of playdough to make minibeasts

Planting seeds

Communication and Language

Play minibeasts what am I game.

I spy in outdoors area

Higher-level instructions to be given (some non-routine instructions)

What a plant needs to grow activity

Personal Social and Emotional

Children to talk about fears of bugs and help to overcome. Talk about caring for the environment and not hurting the bugs we find.

Encourage children to work together in role play areas and develop narratives in their play.

Give children group challenges in areas to encourage sharing ideas and turn taking,

Minibeasts and Growing/planting

Literacy Read a variety of books relating to bugs- fiction - What the ladybird heard, super worm, the bad tempered ladybird, the very hungry caterpillar, mad about minibeasts. Non-fiction - books about minibeasts, life cycles, first fabulous facts about minibeasts and Bugs. Children to understand that information can be gathered from nonfiction books. To make own animals fact file.

Encourage children to make their own books in writing area/ cutting area.

Children to be encouraged to sound out longer words, writing the sounds that they can hear, breaking them down and making phonetically plausible attempts at longer words.

Expressive Arts and Design

Children to paint their own pictures of minibeasts on painting table. Set up easel outdoors to paint/draw bugs

Provide bumpy scissors for children to cut out worms - relate to super worm story.

Children to make butterfly prints in painting area (folding in half) - relate to the very hungry caterpillar.

Children to make caterpillars with sponge painting circles.

Children to make bugs in playdough area - using pipe cleaners, eyes etc.

Understanding of the World

Children to go on minibeast hunt outside.

Children to talk about caring for the environment - create rules for taking care of minibeasts

Talk about different types of minibeasts and where they live. Look at body parts and names.

Children to draw bugs on Ipad using 2simple

Look for different bugs in outdoor area - talk about caring for all creatures and not hurting them.

Zip lock bag beans on window
What a plant needs to grow activity

Mathematics -

Compare the lengths of worms in sand area. Sort the worms according to size - challenge measure the worms.

Children to make bugs using 2D shapes. Challenge, can they make their bug using the 3D shapes. Can they name the shapes they have used?

To complete addition and subtraction sums by counting on / back.

To recall double facts quickly.