

Communication and Language

Listening and attention

Listens to stories about minibeasts such as The Very Hungry Caterpillar with increasing attention and recall
Listen to facts about minibeasts

Understanding

Beginning to understand 'why' questions to do with minibeasts such as 'why do some minibeasts have antennas?'

Speaking

Share information about the things they know about minibeasts with others
Follow instructions on a minibeast hunt

Literacy

Reading

Listen and recall stories such as: The Very Hungry Caterpillar and The Bad Tempered Ladybird
Joins in with repeated refrains and anticipates key events and phrases in rhymes and stories about minibeasts.

Handles non-fiction books about minibeasts carefully and holds books the correct way up and turns pages.

Beginning to be aware of how stories are structured

Suggests how the story might end. Re-tell stories about minibeasts

Set up mini-beast themed role play area

Set up small world minibeast play

Writing

Physical Development

Moving and handling

Moves freely and with pleasure and confidence in a range of ways like a minibeast, such as like a slithering worm and a crawling ant.

Move like a minibeast following instructions

Dance writes to minibeast habitat music

Cut out and stick together pictures to create a minibeast e.g. cut out legs and stick onto the spider's body

Fold paper to make a minibeast model

Use playdough/clay to make a model minibeast

Pencil control – complete minibeast tracing letters using tripod grip

Use scissors to cut out dinosaur masks and puzzles
Can copy some letters, e.g. spider

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Self-confidence and self-awareness

Participate in dinosaur themed role play

Feeling proud of their minibeast work

Managing feelings and behaviour

Talk about the emotions around the story 'the Bad Tempered Ladybird' and relate it to the emotions they feel or have felt before

Making Relationships

Participate in minibeast themed role play

Look at puppet shows themed around minibeasts to explore good and not so good choices

Sharing and taking turns playing with minibeasts

Taking turns doing minibeast themed activities

Work as a group to solve a minibeast problem

Initiates play, offering cues to peers to join them.

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Mathematics

Numbers

Matches numeral to quantity for minibeast activities
Compares two groups of minibeasts saying when they are the same

Numbers

Counts how many spots the ladybird has on its back

Shows an interest in how many different types of minibeasts they find in the environment.

Realises not only objects, but anything can be counted, including spots, legs, eyes etc.

Shape, space and measures

Notices simple shapes and patterns in pictures of minibeasts

Beginning to categorise minibeasts according to properties such as shape or size

Shows an interest in shape and space by playing with shapes or making arrangements with objects to make a minibeast

Make minibeast with 2d shapes

Understanding the World

People and communities

Compare minibeasts and identify similarities and differences between them, where they lived, what they ate, what they looked like

The world

Enjoys playing with small-world models such as a minibeast world

Notices detailed features of minibeasts

Can talk about some of the things they have observed on minibeasts

Technology

Look at information about minibeasts online

Play games and watch online videos about minibeasts

Engage:

Visit to Pollards Hill to hunt for Minibeasts

Express:

Our Ugly Bug Ball will take place

Expressive Arts and Design

Exploring and using media and materials

Enjoys joining in with dancing and minibeast ring games

Uses movement to describe their minibeast

Understands that they can use lines to enclose a space, and then begin to use these shapes to represent the minibeast's face

Being imaginative

Role-play different minibeasts using props to support
Paint pictures of minibeasts

Move in different ways to represent minibeasts

Learn and sing minibeast songs

Uses minibeast props to support role-play

Create minibeasts using different materials and tools or by construction

Make minibeast food and snacks